The Athenians, } By Glover.
The Leonidas, }

"Swaggart carries the
[illegible] against getting
[illegible] times and
[illegible] Mrs. Gedges

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
There is a [illegible]

Key West.

... Swan Island
... its Channels.

Picked up after the
Battle of Fredericksburg
Dec. 1862

Gen W. [illegible] 6th Div 3 C

any man who will
throw his arms
around a negroes
neck to obtain a
piece of bread
and then [illegible]
up this [illegible]
It is all just
to them [illegible]

This Book I desire
in case of accident to
myself should be
Sent to the
Jas A
Chaffee
St Paul Minn
The hand of Pr[illegible]
[illegible] Sees the Chan[illegible]
[illegible] changing and indiv-
idual trials.

96 Gift of Beverly Perdew and
Fern Fetherolf

Chicago Feb 11th 1864
I here begin a new
volume of my diary
We had a good breakf-
ast this morn - I bought
this book we walked
down to the depot
and got aboard the cars.
(near Janesville)
and were soon rolling on
At a little village called
Palestine, a whole school
of children came to see
us. some of the boys
had a snow balling
frolic with the little
chaps altogether
it was quite a lively
scene It is dark

and we are about eight
miles from Janesville
Friday Dec 12th
Arrived at Portage City
found the cars stopped
They were intending
to make us [illegible] there
[illegible] but a
lot of them took the
liberty to put them
under arrest and telegraph
back to the Superin-
tendent of the road
who replied that we
were detained without
his knowledge. The [illegible]
train proceeded forward
arrived to La Crosse

aint left post Ree
P.M. After tea Tom
he gets off his fishing
and another ... of
of about dividing ...
a ... on ... ...
was ... ...
and the ... ...
... ...
Oh! ... !!
Of course ... ...
fairly ... ...
... ...
Saturday Feb. 13th.
We left ... ...
in the forenoon. At ...
... ...
the ... ...

from there to Watertown
but we wished to pass
it any how, we followed
up some times on
the Islands sometimes
on the ice until
we found ourselves on
the Wisconsin side
of the river and then
finding was open we at
last found a ferry
and crossed just in
on the ice and part
way on the boat.
When we arrived in
Watertown there [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] water [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] during the

night to be put up
at Hotels and private
houses, Some of the
boys have a row with
a copperhead —
Sunday Feb 14th
We have a very pleas-
ant drive from Wabasha
to Hastings. Stopped
at Red Wing had a
splendid dinner, Noble
little town! The girls
came out and kissed the
soldiers as they came into
town. Oh it was a
glorious sight! After
Leaving Red Wing
Some time in the

afternoon and arrived at in Hastings about eight P.M., here we were entertained well at the Hotel.

Monday Feb. 15th

Arose this morn, and after some delay we were furnished with a good breakfast at the breakfast table I heard an old person say that he drank some water yesterday and that it nearly [illegible] [illegible] he added that hereafter he intended to take his whiskey Clear. I looked at him

and soon came to the
conclusion; that if potatoes
ever hurt him it was
because it lay on his
brain. We moved on
about noon and arrived
in St. Paul late in
the afternoon. The city
seemed to have gone
insane. We were enthusi-
astically welcomed by the
citizens. But best of all
was a meeting with [illegible]
Oh! [illegible] and [illegible]
cannot be happy with
all this. I wonder
if they are not happy.
I am sure it would be

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take much to make
them so—
Tuesday Feb 16th
Left Jersey residence
early in the morn
and went to the Athenians
where the Regt was quarte
red. I there received
a letter from Pelatiah
and one from [illegible],
I got a shirt & drawers
[illegible] about noon
I then went to the
[illegible] of the [illegible]
guard, Charley Graves
then [illegible] with [illegible]
to [illegible] a German
[illegible] (Artist—?)

never saw a lazy fellow in my life. His pictures are excellent. After I had returned to the quarters I met Lucius Stanley, and of course among them with him awhile. I was afterwards talking with Jonathan [illegible] and he [illegible] [illegible] "I went [illegible] over with Lucius and paid a short visit to [illegible]. After which we retired.

Wednesday Feb 8th
I arose early and started to the depot in [illegible]

~~in the~~ hasty [illegible]
of my dress coat ~~[illegible]~~
behind [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~
aboard of a fr[illegible]
we ought soon enough
to get get aboard of
the passenger train
and I managed to
get a ride up in
a freight car without
cost. I visited Ilion
& I then finished a [illegible]
letter which I had com
menced yesterday to
Belle Kirk. Wrote a
note to Charley Graves
to have my dress
coat taken care of

after which I went to
the Post Office —
I had been having a good
time with the Children —
Thursday Feb 11th.
I ~~was~~ arose in the morn
and having washed and break-
fasted, I sat down to solid
employment. I wrote to John
Batchelor, after which I read
Popes Eloisa to Abelard —
played with the Children
Miss Menage asked me
to take a Philipine with
her but I was so green
that I did not know what
it was; but having since
found out I shall try

to-mout [illegible] ignorant
[illegible] these —
Friday Feb 10th
After breakfast I
started up to see the
[illegible], Stopped at
[illegible] and took dinner
then went on and
came to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] then went
[illegible] one by [illegible]
supper at Mr Overlocks
After which we went
on ~~[illegible]~~ up to [illegible]—
[illegible] there my [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] the
[illegible] for [illegible] —

Saturday Feb 20th
Took a walk with Ald, after which he and I went over to Mitchellsvilly — We had an excellent time with the boys — And Pauline not doing that hate, looks well, though she is not conscious of the fact.
Sunday Feb 21st.
Kulke and Ald played on their instruments. I had a long talk with Ald. on Free Religion —
Monday Feb 22d.
Talked with Ald. on

various topics, I heard Kate
make a few sensible remarks
about the Indian war—
I went over to Clarkson
Reeves house where
I found Uncle Sturt-
evant— I had a very
long and highly interesting
conversation with the
old man—
Tuesday Feb 23rd
I talked with uncle Sturdevant
and Clark for awhile
in the morning— I then
went over to Samsons
I wrote some in a letter
to Wilson— I had very
bad [illegible] [illegible]

of the ignorance which I fear will always prevail in farming family —
~~Wednesday Feb 21~~
Wednesday Feb 24th
I helped Harrison to get a load of hay from the meadow. After which I went over to Stephens Talked with K. J. all.
Thursday Feb 25th
Talked with J. M. We went to see [illegible] Afterward played a game of chess with him. We then returned to his [illegible]. Kate will be a noble woman some time —

Friday, Feb 26th

[illegible] came up to [illegible]
and I went down to [illegible]
with him. Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] me a [illegible]
in favor of adventism

Saturday, Feb 27th

[illegible] and I visited [illegible]
[illegible] we had an
interesting conversation
with him. [illegible]
up the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] God's
[illegible] might be [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of God.

We did not break up the company until 8 o'clock [illegible] hours_ so it was very late when we had our [illegible] to sleep in Ned's bed_
Sunday Feb 21st
After prayer and breakfast, Ned and I set out for Annapolis, we called upon [illegible] Sturdivant and talked with him a spell, from there we proceeded on our journey conversing on the [illegible] of drawing [illegible] correct conclusions from any given ~~[illegible]~~ being in human nature. Or to be more plain; the science of telling a few words with [illegible]

by any person in conversation
and therefore hitting out the
whole train of such persons
ideas — We arrived at Atm
Co, by and here we are tonight
Sunday Feb 29th
We left [illegible] about ten
o'clock and arrived
at [illegible] about 2
P.M. [illegible] was gone
school returned about four
after supper I We went
to the quarters of the
[illegible] guard returned,
and here we are to-
night with [illegible]
I admire him and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

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Tuesday March 29th
Left Ct [illegible] about
eight O'clock in
the morning arrived
in Hudson about 3
P.M. Found Mary
Joseph and mother
well and [illegible].
Wednesday Mch 30
Mother and Mary and
I ~~went~~ went to see
a house belonging to
Uncle J. We looked
that Uncle was perfectly
[illegible] with the [illegible]
arrangements which
[illegible]
[illegible], After dinner

I read "Gideon" then
some newspapers —
Also a little in Shakespeare
Tuesday March 3d.
Uncle And Aunt left
this morning at 9½.
Paul Hetty and I
went to the Ingraham
Rooms and I had a
couple of ambrotypes
taken, one for Mother
and one for Allison —
What pleased me because
that a young lady officiated
and she was a perfect
little angel. Albert Stone
was a "laughing devil"
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible])

almost forgetting though of
it, I will not say
just as a "Mess of dan-
delion greens," but I
will say, that in the
afternoon I went to Whit-
king, to get some willows
for baskets — Read my [illegible]
book and [illegible] [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~ Jefferson, 4 th
I read in Tom Brown
nearly all day. The rest
of the day I spent in
reading the N. Y.
Tribune — I also read
a little in Algebra [illegible]
I believe I have read
almost too much today.

Saturday March 5th
[illegible] the [illegible]
and a [illegible] — After which
I [illegible] — Gran —
[illegible] —
Sunday March 6th 1864
[illegible] I [illegible] of Corinth
[illegible] and a [illegible]
[illegible] I also
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] things
[illegible]
[illegible] Sunday [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] in
[illegible] and

in Dr. Sprague's
in Springfield pulpit
[illegible] —
Tuesday March 8th
Tried [illegible] Jones
Wrote to [illegible]
and [illegible] walk —
[illegible] to the [illegible]
of [illegible]
Wednesday March 9th
I [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] I was induced
to [illegible]
to [illegible] party yesterday
and now I [illegible]
to [illegible] it — [illegible]
[illegible]

been postponed
a little without having
a reason for postponing
it. I shall
hereafter do without
whatever is to be
done at the proper
time —

Thursday March 10th
I helped husband a few
hours then went to St
Paul, where I arrived about
six P.M. and then
twice had [illegible] up on
the prairie

Friday March 11th
I went over to the
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]

the boys forged eight
Graves Kill - In the
afternoon I took the
Cars for St Anthony
from there I went on
to Minneapolis found
Hezekiah at home
and I had a splendid
time - I purchased
Longfellows poems -
Saturday March 12th
Hezekiah and I walked
out and enjoyed ourselves
Jarve came along about
noon. And we read the
Song of Hiawatha —
Sunday March 13th
Walked out in the

forenoon. Read the
papers of [illegible] this
from [illegible] this
evening. We [illegible]
a while. [illegible] to
day admitted to a person
[illegible] I would
[illegible] next
[illegible]
[illegible]
Friday March 14th
I went with Jacob to the
depot. We had a
good [illegible] on
the [illegible] which
[illegible] things
[illegible] and Ella had
[illegible]

towns all around of
in the evening. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Tuesday March 15th
Went down to town,
got a [illegible] paper
read it, [illegible] [illegible]
Hazzekiah [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
St [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Wednesday March 16th
Went to town and
bought a news paper
as I came along one
of the young ladies
invited me to go to
school with her & [illegible]
I couldn't resist [illegible]

the State of [illegible] I
got high I forged [illegible]
at [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] then
[illegible] with Uh and B.
Split wood all of the after
noon—
Thursday March 17th
Went down to the [illegible]
and a miserable place
it is— The weather is
cold—
Friday March 18th
The weather continues cold
[illegible] around the quarter-
[illegible] "Paradise and
the Peri"

Saturday March 19th
Boys think things around. It is about as amazing to me as anything I have seen in the army —
Sunday March 20th
Hezekiah Bryan and I left Ft Snelling and went up to Sly City & I found Fred, and he and I went on to Le Ws. We had a good time on the way.
Monday March 21st
Returned to Ft Snelling got a pass and went to St Paul, met

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A.H.B. a Mssey
went down and came
with Jane to night—
Tuesday March 22d
I went with Jane to
the Commercial college
I think one of the spec-
imens of Mr Haskels
drawing is the best I
ever saw of any bodys
I returned to the Fort
found considerable excit-
ement owing to one of
Co. B. of 8th av. Regt
shooting a fuse hopped
out of the bluff — bar[illegible]
told to be dealt in
tremendous. I received

a good letter from
Melissa - answered
it
Wednesday March 23rd
Mr. Burt the man who
leaped off the Bluff
yesterday died
this morning -
Berdan and I walked
out this afternoon
this morning - We enjoyed
ourselves well - I like
Berdan extremely well -
I offered to re-enlist
to-day provided I
Could be transferred to
the Cavalry - this was
denied me therefore

I do not consider my-
self under any obligation
to leave the Ri[illegible] at all.
Thursday March 24th
accompanied the
remaining of the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] distinguished
himself [illegible] they lost
[illegible] [illegible]
The [illegible] [illegible] down
and is with one
to [illegible] — we [illegible]
some old letters together
We had a dress parade
this evening did pretty
well considering that
we are out of practice

Friday March 25th
Ned and I left this
morning for Minneapolis
when we arrived found
mother there stayed
about three hours
and returned to the
Fort. Went on dress
parade. Charley
Bendgy came down
and talked with us
a long time this ev
I studied grammar a
little this evening.
Saturday March 26th
Study grammar
the papers bring an
account of the

capture of a rebel
fort on the Red River
Sunday March 27th.
Study Grammar, took
a walk with Ole Gilbert
and Andrew Berger, after
which I wrote a burlesque
letter for Ole —
Monday March 28th
Ole and I went up to
Minneapolis. Tried to
get a bounty on Oles
first enlistment but
failed, afterward went
on up to Ezekiels
found Mr [illegible] Evans
has there established
a Commission Office in

the evening it has
been a drizzling day
all day, chopped wood
read & dug ditch and
I hope it will dry it
this spring, a few
more fine days & then
this would open
the river —
Tuesday March 29th
Ned started up river
this morning, I studied Gram-
mar, and sawed wood
this fore noon, and
in the afternoon we
returned to the fort
Wednesday March 30th
Study Grammer and

walk about

Thursday March 31st
I read twenty pages
of Grammar — then
turned to the questions
for review and answer-
ed every question
Walked about some to
day —

Friday April 1st 1864
I read 10 pages of Grammar
and answered the questions
Walk about enjoy myself
well —

Saturday Aprile 2d
I am twenty two (22) years
old to day and what
do I know? also what

have I accomplished?
Echo answers nothing.
Hezekiah and I
went up to Minnesota.
Hawkes and T. S. Co's
down to day and I
accompanied them here
Sunday April 3d.
Billy D is lamed very bad
but he keeps cheerful. I
left Hillsboro a little
afternoon and arrived at
Minneapolis at seven P.M.
I will stay here to night
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
returned to the fort.
Studied grammar.
Walked out in the

evening. Danced some
[illegible]
Tuesday April 5th
Study grammer walk
about and attended
church in the evening
Wednesday April 6th
Study grammer and
walk about went around
and talked with
Sgt Haniston [illegible]
Thursday April 7th
Study grammer and
walk about. Two boys
and Lt Col Adams are
[illegible] at [illegible] points
[illegible]
[illegible]

Friday April 8th
Studied Grammer.
Ten lodges of Indians
were brought here to
day from the front
ies
Saturday April 9th
I had a chill and
fever. My right hand
is very sore.
Sunday April 10th
My [illegible] has [illegible]
a little. My [illegible]
river is [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

hospital I stay here until
April 19th which is
to day and I am
well enough now to
resume my diary
walked out this mor-
-ning wrote to mother -
April 20th
walked about during
the forenoon with Charley
Jones. I am recovering
rapidly -
Tuesday April 21st.
feel and walk about very
myself pretty well. We
had a big review and
inspection of the great
[illegible] Filty [illegible] [illegible]

about as much as
a 2nd Gibralter on account
Friday April 22nd
I wrote to Allison, and
studied Grammar, besides
I saw my estranged
friend A. L. McDicker
He gave me his pho-
tograph - I had but a
short time to talk
with him, as he left
for [illegible] soon
after I first saw
him - [illegible] had the
pleasure of [illegible] my
old friend [illegible]
of the 6th [illegible] - He also
soon after started for

St Paul. I believe his Regt. leaves for the front tomorrow -
Saturday April 23d.
I read a little in Glasgow weekly and in the Bible I walked about some -
Sunday April 24th/1864
Take a walk morning and evening - I got discharged from the hospital
I studied grammar
Monday April 25th
Went on an un unsuccessful fishing expedition, found myself rather weak to stand and hold a book - Studied

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grammar - talked with [illegible] and [illegible] on [illegible]
ture -

Tuesday April 26th

Studied grammar, [illegible] down, and [illegible] and I took a long and very pleasant walk, [illegible] the afternoon. [illegible] had a drill but as I am not on duty now [illegible] and I took a pleasant walk and conversation -

Wednesday April 27th

Lid returned home, and [illegible] and I accompanied him as far as [illegible] creek - returned [illegible]

the fort and studied gram-
mar - I feel quite sorrowful
as the day of parting with my
comrades approaches -
I have now got the address
of most of them and have
agreed to exchange photographs
with them.-
Thursday April 28th
And Order is published in
the papers this morning to
[illegible] to the effect that
all the men who left the
State with the regt shall
be discharged tomorrow and
the remainder to be formed
into one independent battal-
ion and permitted to

Washington at once
I studied grammar, and
took a walk alone
this morning —
The Regt was received
in the afternoon by
Gov Miller and Gov
Sibley —
Friday April 29th
Capt Ball, promised
to give me a letter of
recommendation before he
leaves. This I trust will
be of great advantage to
me at some future time
We had a slight shower
this morning. During
during the day I read

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the day very happily —
Study Grammar and talk
Dutch — Took a walk in the e
with I. Bacon and had a long
conversation with Charley Bacon
[illegible] —

Saturday April 30th

Study grammar and talk
Dutch by myself reading
with Charley Bacon
and I took a most
pleasant walk in the
evening — We had an
interesting conversation —
I do admire Charley

Sunday May 1st 1864 —
Windy weather and very cool
[illegible] the first of [illegible] —

Studied grammar and
walk about. Every thing is
dull — for it was the grass
and trees was becoming
robed in green I spend
some happy hours every
day — it is my pleasure
and studying [illegible] the green
which adds so much to
the pleasure of life.
Preaching the [illegible] of Mr. Jones
[illegible] D. M. [illegible] attended
to [illegible] and then
I was not in a [illegible]
Mode[illegible]
Monday May 2d.
Spend the day at
[illegible]

games and walking about
May 7th Tuesday
After walking around in the forenoon H. and I left for Marsif ... fo in the afternoon. I was quite tired when we arrived at our place of destination. I studied grammar during the forenoon also I received a letter from Jane and answered it besides finishing my letter to Bikers.

Wednesday 4th.
~~Stat~~ Returned from Minneapolis. We voted our Company fund to the Sanitary commission. I have studied Grammar considerable to day. I also spent some time in reading and in walking around.
Thursday ~~July~~ 5th.
The boys were discharged. Ed came down.
Friday May 6th.
Ned ~~Perk~~ Returned ~~to the~~ Capt Kelly got my a. wanted. I studied Grammer.

Jim Lawson and I
propose to watch an
see what will happen
in and among the
day —
Saturday July 7th
Ann Gordon and I
went down to the
Road, they say fighting
begun. Spent
afternoon with Jane
the papers bring the
news of fighting in
Virginia — I stay with
Jane to night —
Sunday July 8th
Jane I walked up the
side of the city

City with songs of the
march — ~~the ...~~
~~Thursday~~ Monday Dec 9th
The refinery today was
I continued fighting
I study Grammar
Tuesday Dec 10th
The fighting ... little
of fighting all round
I studied Grammar
Some Oratory and
I take a walk and
pick flowers —
~~Got~~ Last election
of Lieutenants results
in the electing of
Renators for the
first and Oscar ...

by a second ——

Wednesday May 11th

Got through the grammar to day and commenced reviewing. I shall pay particular attention to punctuation. May 12th

Thursday Still all accounts agree of hard fighting. I tried punctuation to day. I took a walk in company with Hezekiah just after dinner and another this eve in company with Bill Thomas.

Friday May 13th

The papers bring glorious news from [illegible] [illegible]

Geo Gorum, Hezekiah and
I took a walk, and gathered
some flowers this forenoon
Boston and I had a pleas-
ant walk, and interesting
conversation this eve.
Next Charley Grover
and I took a walk and
had a long conversation.
Received a letter from
P. to day. I continue
to study fortification.
Saturday May 19.
took a walk in the
morning with Geo Gor-
um, and also in the
evening with George
Reed and after that I

had a long gass with
Fuller Drake, I finished
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] good news of
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible].
Sunday May 15th
[illegible] and I taken
walk in the [illegible]
and afternoon - in
the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and I took
a bath, I study ~~[illegible]~~
[illegible]
Monday 16th
Hezekiah and I take
a walk in the [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible]

and I in the eve-
I studied passage
and [illegible]
a little to day he
drew out a form
and accustomed
to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] this
morning the weather [illegible]
[illegible] and the
roads [illegible] arrived
in St. Paul about 11 o'clock
[illegible] saw [illegible], and bid
him good bye - I got a
dozen photographs.
Wed. Well, we have had
several big drunken

hours, I am on guard this
eve, I saw an attempt
to violate Charley Berdans
orders ~~was~~ when he
was on post. It terminates
as might be expected.
Charley is a noble soldier
and has strength to back
his will. I imagine that we
have not such men as
those of the old 1st.
We are on the steamer
Nathan Bell; and we glide
down the the river. The
day is [illegible] and the
[illegible] the [illegible] that with
ever [illegible]. Who would believe
that our ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] is one of

[illegible]

Wednesday May 12th 1869.

Was called up at midnight, to relieve Capt. [illegible] Continued on duty until 6. A.M. We were just at the foot of Lake Pepin after day dawned, ~~Oh~~ Oh! the scenery is so lovely along this river at this time of the year: but I was rather too sleepy to enjoy it well. We arrived at La Crosse about 3 P.M. It is now about 4. We leave at night for the east.

I expect the boys will have another drum today

Thursday May 19th
We left La Crosse at
8,30 P.M. Soon after
fell asleep, in the morn-
morning we [illegible] at Minnesota
Junction. There we stayed until
one P.M. Charley Burdan
and I had a very good time
admiring the scenery along the
road. I love Charley more
every day I am with him. I
was glad to see [illegible] ad-
mire him so much.
Friday May 20th
We left Chicago at ten
P.M. Soon after fell asleep
when I awoke it was day-
light. We arrived [illegible]

Ft. Wayne about an hour later. In the afternoon we were delayed several hours owing to the breaking of three coal cars on the road ahead of us. We did not arrive in Pittsburg until about one A. M. on the morn of the 21st

Pittsburg May 21st Saturday
We had breakfast at the Volunteer refreshment rooms. My admiration of the city was greatly increased. Observing that its inhabitants are nearly all labor

I always admired it, but
now I do admire it not
more – After breakfast
we visited the rolling mills,
and afterwards the Fort
Pitt Foundry, there
we saw the famous 20
inch Dahlgren gun. It
is truly a monster, the
other gun, while near
the Rolling mills, two
monitors in course of con-
struction; one, the ~~Mang~~
Manayunk, was fast approach-
ing completion. In that
one walk they paid me
well. I hope I may have
the opportunity to visit

this City some time when
I can get wise and where
I please and get things when
I am satisfied. Oh! I must
not forget!
The following are the
dimensions of the great
gun –

Weight rough		170,000
" " finished		154,000
Length rough		300 inches
" finished		24½ "
Diameter Max rough		66 "
" " finished		64 "
" Min rough		48 "
" " finished		34 "
Bore	2	20 "
Depth of bore		210 "

Solid shot 1,000 lbs
Charges of powder 80 "
In the afternoon we
paid a second visit to
the great gun. We then
ascended a hill commanding
a view of the greater
part of the city. We pro-
ceeded to another
hill whence we could
obtain a view of the
rest of the City; thence
we returned to our
halting place. We are
now (2.30 P.M.) on the
cars and about starting
for Harrisburg.

Tuesday May 24th 1864.
We arrived in Harrisburg this
morning, had breakfast at the
Soldiers' retreat. Learning that
it was not [illegible] we im-
mediately paid a visit to
the State Capitol. There I
saw some guns which was
taken at Bull Run, and
some pictures and [illegible]
any [illegible]. The Capitol
grounds are well laid
out and very beautiful,
but not more so than
other places of the
kind. The City as a
whole, is ~~[illegible]~~ rather
more attractive than

is common with cities of its size. After considerable delay we finally got off to an ancient car. We were attached to a heavy freight train and consequently moved slow.
Sunday May 2nd
We arrived in Baltimore some time after sun rise this morning; had breakfast at the soldiers rest. About 10 o'clock we started for Washington where we arrived in the afternoon. After supper I paid a visit to the capitol. Saw the famous bronze doors. It is a sight worth a visit

even though it involved a journey of a thousand miles, I cannot describe it. How could I, I may take five years of reading to enable me to understand all that I witnessed – my reading was solely devoted to that subject.

Tuesday May 24th

Wrote to Eliza and sent my photographs to Peter. After breakfast Hezekiah and I visited the Capitol. We examined some minutely the bronze doors &

found that with the
exception of the weather
it is easily understood.
In the afternoon Borden
Snyder and I visited the
Senate also the House
but the topics of
discussion were not
very interesting. In
the evening several of us
took a walk in the
Capitol grounds.
Wednesday May 25th I wrote
a note to Jennie. Judge,
Jameson, Hezekiah, and
I visited the Botanical
gardens, and the Smith-
sonian Institute

After dinner we visited the Patent Office. There is plenty of material in those Institutions to keep one Individual studying a thousand years.
Thursday Aug 26th
I wrote to sister, receiv-ed a letter from Brother and answered it. Rain is falling. We visited the capitol this A.M. and here I will enumer-ate the pictures and statues in the Grand Gallery. First above

door of the main entrance is a group of Statuary representing the Landing of [illegible] in 1620. Passing around the gallery to the right we behold the following in regular succession. Landing of Columbus. Oct 1492. Embarkation of the Pilgrims from Delft Haven in Holland July 21 1620. Bust of Gen Thd. P. Stanley. Horatio [illegible] sculptor. Bust of William Penn 1682. Bust of T. Kosciusko. Gen Washington [illegible]

his commission to
Congress Annapolis Md.
Dec 23d 1783. Statue of
Geo. Washington with
the following inscription
The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
Virginia have caused this
Statue to be erected as
a monument of affect-
ion and gratitude to
George Washington
who, uniting to the en-
dowments of the Hero
the virtues of the Patriot
and exerting both in
establishing the liberties
of his Country has
rendered his name

dear to his Fellow Cit-
izens, and given the
World an immortal example
of true glory. Done,
in the year of Christ
one thousand seven
hundred and eighty [illegible]
[illegible] Surrender
of Lord Cornwallis
York Town Va. Oct 19th
1781. And three [illegible]
which are too dark for
me. The next group of
Statuary. A Striking
Representation of the
Great Massacre at
Jamestown Va 1605.
Surrender of the Po-

goyne Saratoga N.Y.
Oct. 1777. Declaration
Of Independence of July
4th 1776. Philadelphia
Pa. Embarkation of the Pilgrims
of [illegible] [illegible]
Baptism of Pocahontas
at Jamestown Va.
1613. Busts of Hon.
Mr Colfax. [illegible]
Chandler, and Rev.
Dr. Sumner. Discovery
of the Mississippi. By
[illegible]
Birth of De Soto. In
the center of the gallery
are the following
pictures. Hon. Schuyler
Colfax. Gen. [illegible]

Georgia Washington
Before York Town giving
Orders to Commence the
entrenchment, accom-
panied by Lafayette
Hamilton, Knox, Green
and Rochambeau —
Jackson. John Adams,
John Q. Adams, Fillmore,
— Gen Cass, Senator
Preston, James K. Polk.
Visiting the Statue of
Washington in the Capitol
Ground Lit eve and also
just a few minutes
before visiting the Gallery
We noticed an Exquisite
Group of Animals

insects continualy hoiv
ing over the head the
Great Hero and on last
eve little birds came
and caught flies at the
Statue.
Friday May 27th
We marched early this m
ing; crossed the Potomac
R on Long Bridge and
encamped on Arlington
hights near Ft Albany not
far from the Contraband
Camp.
Saturday May 28th 64
I was one of the
men commissioned

officers appointed to drill
recruits to day. I find
a great difference between
operating a command
myself and telling others
how to do it. I had a
very interesting conver-
sation with Baldwin and
Seaman this evening.
Sunday May 24th I
wrote home this morning
study Grammar and
tactics awhile then
Davison Hopkins and
myself went [illegible]
afterwards we had dress
parade. a very fine
[illegible] affair.

Monday May 30th.
We marched this morning to Alexandria, where we lay until evening then got aboard the transport Emmille, steamed ~~down~~ down to near Aquia Creek here we anchored for the night.

Tuesday May 31st.
We steamed down the Potomac and [illegible] anchored near the mouth of York River, I have been reflecting upon the pleasures that such a voyage as this can have [illegible]

I was fifteen years of age
to-night I feel that I am
an old man at twenty
two.
1864.
Wednesday Aftn June 1st.
Steamed up the York River
passed York Town, West
Point and entered the
Pamunkey. Of all
crooked rivers this beats
the [illegible] [illegible] to
gain it by land. We
landed at the White
House and here we
are now. All kinds
of rumors afloat.
Anything reliable from
the front. Battle [illegible]

the Pamunkey, [illegible]
across and back which
required about a miles
swimming. I find that
I can't swim as I could
once.
~~[illegible]~~ Thursday June 2d
I am on guard to day.
Heavy firing at the front.
Wrote a letter for the
Boy. Jumped some this
evening.
Friday June 3d
Hard fighting going on
at the front to day [illegible]
ed [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
success. The [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] to day

At 9 the order was counter-
manded,
Saturday June 4th
We remained camp, with orders
to be ready to march
at five o'clock in the morn
Sunday June 5th
We marched a steam to
near Cool Harbor. Camped
for the night. About 9 o'clock
at night there was a fight
going on in front of us.
Monday June 6th
Returned to White House,
The weather is warm, and
marching disagreeable.
Received a letter from
Preston, the Hospital att—

ventures for next winter
I do not quite like his
plan, although I confess it
has many attractions. I
held a consultation with
Emerson and Burke. They
both prefer going to school
next winter.
Tuesday June 7th
I wrote to Burke stating
my objections to his plan
and making many
~~propositions~~ proposals
myself. We went a
fishing this evening.
Our boating on the
lake near the River Hudson
is delightful

Wednesday June 8th
We were relieved just at dark and returned to camp, where we received a ~~gill~~ whiskey ration. After held a ~~committee~~ committee with Brown, we think of attending the jelly slug meeting this winter. The day we have spent as usual on picket, reading sleeping and eating.
Thursday June 9th
Our father, is, passing around amidst the host. Dealing [illegible] sick & wounded, along with the [illegible]. What [illegible] do [illegible]? Simply that we, have heard [illegible] orders

Oh that this Cruel war was over.

Friday June 10th

We marched about sun down last evening. Kept on the march until near two this morn. I was so sleepy during the latter part of the march that I often fell asleep in the ranks. Awoke just after day lt. after breakfast we moved in the woods and stay during the afternoon. A beautiful woods, is this. Had I roamed through it during the day. After noon we reported to army head quarters,

and were assigned to the
second corps; reported to
corps head quarters,
and were ordered to the
second division. Went
into the woods, while the
Captain went to find
division head quarters.
When he returned we were
permitted to lay down
and sleep all night which
was a welcome ~~gift~~
[illegible]
Saturday June 11th
Awake just after daylight
our brigade being out in the
front line, we having not
finished the [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~

Coleman came over to
see us this morning.
My heroic friend Archibald
has at last been wounded.
A minnie ball passed through
his thigh. The [illegible]
Old Jake Fisher has also
been hurt. A shell broke
his high priced pipe
and injured his face at
the same time. Picket
firing is going on all the
time. And they are forging
entirely [illegible].
Tuesday June 12th
~~The enemy~~ We joined
the old Brigade last
night. The enemy threw

a few shell past about 40
rods to the ~~left~~ right of
our heads. They held meeting
to day which I noticed
was more largely attended
than such gatherings were
wont to be in more quiet
times. Is the dangers of
the situation the cause
of this change?
One of the 7th Mich. was
here to day giving an account
of the late battle.
We are now, (nearly Sundown)
under marching orders.
Monday. Dec 15th
Just after Sundown. A
last night. We ... ...

into the least advanced
of our lines of works, and
lay until quite late in the
night while the more
advanced lines were with-
drawn after which we
marched off. While we
lay in the works we
had an opportunity to
watch some sharp
practice, the first I
ever saw. The enemy
were shelling a portion
of our lines at least a
mile from the position
occupied by our troops.
Although we could
rarely hear the sound

the quarters, yet the report of the shell was not so heavy and not unlike that of a rifled 10 pounder. The course of the shell being nearly toward us made the motion appear very slow something like the fall of a spark of fire.
We moved [illegible] during the night & next a day light [illegible] came near being a [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ occasioned by a huge falling off of a bank into the road.
We arrived at San Diego

met after eight in the
morning and ~~encamped~~
~~in~~ bivouacked for a few
hours. about two we left
and crossed the Chicka-
hominy. We found there
some Cypress I think
a few hours and [illegible]
to [illegible] the [illegible].
We guarded the rear and
reached camp near Char-
les City Court house
just about midnight.
Tuesday 14th We crossed
the James [illegible] [illegible]
this morning. I [illegible]
and I visited the [illegible]
building [illegible] it [illegible]

empty. When our army
reach this place in
62. They carried of all
the records as trophies
among them were documents
in the hand writing of
both Patrick Henry
and John Randolph.
The Country here is open
and very beautiful, for
the August 1862. We
lived very highly while
passing through this
part of the Peninsula.
This afternoon we
marched down to the
James River and moved
on the U.S. Steam transport

Allen fifty. While
on the drill Gen. U.S.
Grant & staff passed through
our battalion. ~~coming~~
~~of the front.~~ The country
on this side of [illegible]
is very beautiful we pass
a field of corn which was
the heaviest I have seen
this year. We go out
to the front and lay
in line of battle during
the night. I was on
guard. Weather warm
the morning of the 15th
[illegible]
We marched about [illegible]
and about 11 P.M.

we arrived in front of
Petersburg. [illegible] Station
[illegible] had taken three lines
of the enemy's works during
the afternoon — 2d day of the siege
Saturday June 16
The Enemy rifle pitts during
the latter part of last
night, the enemy's works were
taken by storming the darkies
charged and took [illegible]
[illegible] prisoners with them
[illegible] Field [illegible] little
Shelling and skirmishing
is kept up during the day
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

us [illegible] and in view
At 6 P.M. our forces
advanced in the [illegible]
and drove them some
distance at the pre-
sent time 8 P.M. there
is a lull. We [illegible]
as reserve [illegible]
in spot. [illegible] 23rd day of [illegible]
[illegible] dark [illegible]
dark [illegible]
drew [illegible]
[illegible] back [illegible]
Our forces [illegible]
enemy out of [illegible]
of rifle pits. [illegible]
[illegible] made [illegible]
charges to drive [illegible]

Right but was repulsed.
this evening. There was some hard fighting
to ~~today~~ on the left today
it is said that Burnside was
successful in taking three forts
late in the evening the rebs
Charged on our men again
but was again repulsed.
there is a movement
going on but our brigade still
remains in the front works
Saturday June 18th the day
We moved before daylight of the 18th
this morning and charged
but found the first line of
the enemies works evacuated
we pressed on about ¾
three fourths of a mile, here

we found them waiting
and drove them out and the [illegible]
ies ^ after a time our battal-
ion was deployed as skirm-
ishers and I did some hot
work we got a good position
behind one of those old fash-
ioned fences of the
State of Virginia; but owing
to the rashness of
some of our men we
had two men killed
and one officer (Lieut.
[illegible]) ~~wounded~~ and five
men wounded the enemy
were very close and had
[illegible] there but
we soon drove them
off [illegible] we are [illegible]

without any support to our right flank. Our recruits are shipped soldiers after the 6th Corps came up to support our right flank we advanced and gained another good position about one mile from a strong line of the rebel works and here we are shooting at each other. At one time a part of the 6th Corps charged on our right and part of our boys charged on the left at once but both sides we are gaining very slowly. It is the town of Petersburg but I am not the one to...

and Hezekiah received
a letter informing him
that Ed was hired out
for thirty five dollars a
month [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Thus we are scattered.
Sunday June the 5th day of the
We have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
good [illegible] fifty five [illegible]
but [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible]
have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
They also have [illegible] a great
deal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
injured [illegible] [illegible] in battle
up to the present time
(E. S. & T. H.). [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Monday Morning
There was some kind of a fight
on our left last night about
10 o'clock. Morning.
Monday June 20th 6th day of
siege
One of our recruits said,
when he enlisted he heard
nothing but $300 Bounty,
but now he heard nothing
but bullets. The enemy
opens batteries enfilading
our lines. Our battery
also enfilade other parts
of their lines. Our forces
are at work on new pits
to protect them from the
enfilading fire

[illegible] got the [illegible]

of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 19th

there having a flanking fire

on the right [illegible]

[illegible] a continual fire

[illegible]

it was rather warm [illegible]

the boys. [illegible]

[illegible] experience [illegible]

by fire in the [illegible]

[illegible]. What a [illegible]

[illegible] through [illegible]

[illegible] I will give [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] which

in [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

fully arranged [illegible].
The day being [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] was [illegible]
night [illegible]
[illegible] this was all the
[illegible] in front of the
6th [illegible]

7th day of the
June 21st 1862
Tuesday morning, We were
relieved from the transfer
last night by a part of
the [illegible] and [illegible]
from [illegible] and
in the [illegible]
and pitched our tents [illegible]
the [illegible] to [illegible]
up and [illegible]
on the march. The weather
was very warm and the
dust intolerable. I have
just made up my mind
that one day of [illegible]
[illegible] deplorable
[illegible]
[illegible]. I shall
do [illegible]

[illegible] disagreeable [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] their [illegible]
[illegible]
Oh, I am sick of [illegible].
God save [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] of human beings.
[illegible] another [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

of the little fortification
I was posted. Our men were
armed all night in the pits.
Wednesday June 8th. A strange
day in our life [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the time [illegible] sharpshooting
A little after noon they opened
fire a battery enfilading
our pits. This battery is in
a strong fort and a com-
manding position. I am still
more disgusted with war.
I wish ~~the~~ this cruel war
was over."
Evening.
Why have I felt so
heavily for a few days

[illegible] morning [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible]
a prisoner. The [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
carried [illegible]
After [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] taken to
Petersburg and [illegible]
in an [illegible]
which we [illegible]
for [illegible]
[illegible] Great
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

morning tried to curry
favor by abusing the
Lieutenants. That of
our Company are with us
Thursday June 2[illegible]th
[illegible] P. Differing [illegible]
history of the [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
by me, and the history
of my [illegible]
pages) [illegible], but
the next thing [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] with a large
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]
might but had gone
[illegible] the men [illegible] there

we found [illegible]
[illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]

Serg Major Bisle
Sergt. May. Co. A.
~~Serg~~ Sergt Dyke Co. B.
Corp Clark Co. A.
" " [illegible] " "
" " [illegible] " "
" " Alfred Co. B.
Privates.
P. H. Co. A
Perkins " "
[illegible] " "
Bailey
Riden "
Flannery "

Ring Co. B.
Ryder " "
Appleton "
Sullivan "
Abraham "
Whalen "
Starlith "

[illegible] through the
[illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] is a [illegible]
ahead of most [illegible]
but the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in the
first [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] this
[illegible] 3½ [illegible]

was in extremity over the
(?) yonder fire. But when
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with
[illegible] [illegible] asked to sit
the [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] credit.
Our names were taken
we halted in the
Appomattox and lay
around the place as
[illegible] as [illegible] as I
should like. We all
on a [illegible] of [illegible] island
without [illegible] of one
another. There are here
all about 1200.
They called [illegible]

of about 800. Who. are
to be sent off to the
Richmond tomorrow
Friday June 24th
about 2 O'Clock this
morning we were called
up and were marched down
to the depot where we
took the cars & arrived
in Richmond about
12 o'clock. Here a little
more rigid search is
going on. All green
backs must go the
way of all Life
We are at the famous
Libby prison. One good
thing the floor is d

and sift boxes are plentiful
We drew this evening two
pieces of corn bread about
4 inches long 1½ thick
and two wide. This bread
is made ~~about~~ without salt
How long these two pieces
are expected to last us,
I do not know.
Saturday June 24th
We drew to day a
small piece of bacon
another piece of bread
same size as these
[illegible]
and half pint [illegible]
[illegible] of
beans [illegible]

I read in the Testament
I have done to day for
since I was taken prisoner
And if the Lord spares
it I shall continue to do
so until I am free. I
have a Testament also and
I hope to be able to keep
that same. But up to
the present time I
have been marking
up lost sleep, and
names and places of
birth [illegible] taken to
day. It is rumored
that we are to be
paroled. I would
be glad to get away

from there.
Sunday June 26th
Read in the Testament
I have come to the con-
clusion that the bread
which we receive here will
weigh about a pound
though from its looks
it ought not to weigh
more than half that
amount. We were removed
to Belle Island, here we
received old miserable
worn wedge and Bell tents
I will not tell a single
thing worse than the
truth. We were permitted
to take a good bath in

the Papers given Read in the ~~Detachment~~ Paragraphs. We are divided into messes of fifty and ten in each tent.

Monday June 27th.

Our rations out of bread not quite so large as formerly but a little better quality, more tough but not so many Bugs in it, less meat and of a very poor quality. I ate mine all at one meal and could have eaten twice as much. No coffee has ... been given out ... [illegible]

we have a little of
much ~~good~~ stinny pork
& ct. Read in the Test-
ament, Study Grammar
and sleep.
Tuesday June 28th.
It rained last night and
the tent leaked misera-
bly. afterwards the wind
arose and the tent blew
over. I read in the
Testament, Study Grammar
and sleep, potatoes the same
except bacon of which we
received a double quantity.
Wednesday June 29th.
We drew the usual
amount of beef and meat

but no soup. We then
moved off got aboard the
Cars and started for Lynch-
burg. The Cars were awfully
Crowded and no water, reach-
ed in L. about 12 Midnight
having been about 16 hours
on the way. ~~we did not~~ morning
of the 30th we did not
get off the Cars until after
daylight this morning. We
then crossed onto an
Island and all there yet
have ~~drawn~~ not drawn
any more rations yet
but I traded my pocket[illegible]
for a piece of corn
bread, and very

gold pen for a quart of
meal so I am just suffering
I had neglected to state
that one of the prisoners
hopped off the cars last
night and although he
was twice fired at he
escaped unhurt. God speed
him to our lines.
Thursday June 30th.
We drew hard bread rations and
coffee for four days; eighteen
crackers considerably thicker
than any we have had;
somewhat mouldy. We
also drew some bacon which
was quite good albeit rusty.
We left [illegible]

(At Starksburg? [illegible] out today)
about 6 P.M. in march
ing through the town I obser
ved that the streets were dirty
and rough. Lynchburg is
situated amid mountains
and hills. There are a good
many hospitals here
several of which are
filled with wounded
from our army.
I noticed one large
lime building on the
heights, south of the
town; this building is
at present used as a
hospital. What it form
erly was I know not.
I noticed that the

Hunter in his late advance had crossed the James River and approached within a mile and a half of the place from the South side we passed over ground where some of the fighting had taken place Read Some in the Testament to day.
Friday July 1st 1864.
We Camped last night in a good place about 4 miles from Lynchburg, the country is hilly and Mountainous resembling Loudon Valley. The same may be said of the country we passed

through during the fore
noon to day, afternoon
the country became more
level, and of the scenery
is beautiful. Land here
is very poor. We camped
at night on a river said
to be the Shaston River.
distant marched 20
miles.

Saturday July 24.
Marched about 20 miles
camped in a nice place
by the side of a brook
The guards were giving
out so fast to day that
they had to call out
the citizens to guard

up the country we got the
same as that we passed
up the Valley [illegible]
Sunday July 3d
Fighting started at 1 P.M.
Passed through Pittsylvania
C. H. a nicely shaded
town. I had the hardest
fight to day I ever had
in my life. A lot of
[illegible]. I am hurt
[illegible] of the two last
[illegible] my spirit.
I learn from the fight
that I had [illegible] a
[illegible]. We have been
[illegible] through Pitt-
sylvania [illegible] 9 [illegible]

for the last two days.

Danville July 4th 1864

We arrived here to-day and were crowded into a prison. The boys are all [illegible] on a [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]. We have not received any rations yet to-night, although the time for drawing them [illegible] last night. I think we will get some yet to-night. The distance we marched to-day was 16 miles. Mr. [illegible] gave out to-day. A few [illegible]

[illegible]

morning of the 5th Day
we drew bread often and
meat after dark but nothing
more of it and better quality
than that which we received
at Belle Island or Libby
And again this morning
we received bread. As
our march is now ended
I will state before leaving
the subject that several
have escaped many were
fired at, but few if any
were hit, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
Evening of July 5th Tuesday
We drew bread again
to day and a large

quantity than ever before
I read over the Testament
and studied [illegible]
Later we took the
cars for Greensboro and
there got off for Charlotte,
Wednesday July 6th
We arrived in Charlotte
about 12 m, to day
and here we are, drew three
days rations of hard bread
and bacon.
Thursday July 7th
We were called up about
midnight last night
and ordered into the
cars but we did not
leave Charlotte until

night [illegible] passed
[illegible] the
[illegible]

Friday July 8th

[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] through [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in Augusta [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Sunday July 1[illegible]th

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Monday July 11th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday July 12th [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Thursday July 14

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

day. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Friday July 15th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Saturday
July 16th
Read the Testament
Sunday July 17th
Read in the Testament a
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
Monday July 18th
Read in the Testament
Tuesday July 19th Read the
Testament
Wednesday July 20th
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Read the Testament
Thursday July 21st
Read in the Testament
Friday July [illegible]
[illegible]

Saturday July 23rd
Read in the Testament.
Sunday July 24th
Cold enough this morning
to make the boys put on
their coats, pretty well for
freezing in July. Read
in the Testament.
Monday July 25th
Read the Testament
and Study Grammar.
Tuesday 26th
Read in the Testament
and Study Grammar,
raked.
Wednesday July 27th
Read in the Testament
and Study Grammar

Thursday July 28th
The [illegible] Off. returned.
Read in the Testament
daily. A large number
of prisoners came in from
Shermans army. The Rebs
fired a shot over our
heads to intimidate us.
Rained.
Friday July 29th
Read in the Testament, Rained
More prisoners came in
one with a ~~their~~ arm off
and the wounds not yet
healed.
Saturday July 30th
Read in the Testament.

Sunday July 31st
Sergt Major. Decided Again
that Sunday is the 1st day
of the week. One man
absent from roll call stipu-
lations. Read in the Test
Monday Aug 1st 1864.
Read in the Testament
A great deal of talk about
parole. Rained a little.
Tuesday Aug 2d.
Read in the Testament
Rained hard to-day. Some
of Stoneman's cavalry
were brought in to-day.
Wednesday Aug 3rd
They are Removing the
Sick. more of the Cavalry

were brought in.
Thursday Aug 4th
Read in the Testament.
[illegible] reports about [illegible] people
yesterday and to day they
have received some of the
Sick.
Friday Aug 5th
Read in the Testament,
Saturday Aug 6th
Read Psalms, and Testament
There are often [illegible] of
[illegible] to night.
Sunday Aug 7
Read Psalms, [illegible] and Wm
Dell and Ephraim Person
of the 4th Ind Cav[illegible]
[illegible] names of the Rebels.

Got our bread ration to
night.
Monday Aug 8th
Read Psalms. Rained.
Bathed.
Tuesday Aug 9th
A very hard rain, part
of the stockade fell down
which gave the rebs
great trouble. Read Psal...
15 rations to [illegible].
Wednesday Aug 10th
Half rations of bread [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] night [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
again [illegible] Read
Psalms [illegible]

and fight between two
of his boys Sh. and R.
Thursday Aug 12th
Kept rather quiet, Rained
hard again, Read in
Paley, Admire the
style of the very much
Friday Aug 12th
Read Paley and also
Christ's Sermon on the
Mount, [illegible] continued
[illegible]
Saturday Aug 13th
Read Paley [illegible] also
in the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Sunday Aug 14th 1864.
More extensive rumors
of parole. Read Psalms
Monday Aug 15th
Read Psalms. Rumors die
away.
Tuesday Aug 16th
Read Psalms.
Wednesday Aug 17th
Read Psalms 120 to [illegible]
Look all to see how
parole it really is and
Oh! my God I hope
a parole will [illegible]
this wretchedness. I
was also on detail
to draw Rations.
[illegible] Steady

Joined B [illegible] and
the 8th N.J.
Thursday Aug 18th
Market prices as follows,
Bread per ration 10 Cts.
Beans " " "
Beef " " "
Bacon [illegible] 20 a 25
Beer per cup 5 Cts
Soda water " " "
Sasparilla " 10 "
Rice per plate 10 "
Boiled Eggs 25 each
Pumpkin pies 25 " "
Corn meal coffee 10 cts per cup
Large roll or tomatoes [illegible]
Salt per spoonful 5 cts
[illegible] per [illegible] 5 cts.

Corn fritters 5 cts
" Cornstarch 5 cts
Peaches 15 " @ 95 ea
White peas 25c pint.
Potatoes small 1.00 per doz
Flour 50 cts per pint
Nearly all ~~[illegible]~~
the Sale [illegible] green
backs. postage stamps
at one cts a piece, confed-
erate money does not pass
well. I traded [illegible] for
the day managed to
get hold of [illegible]
and by trading [illegible]
to [illegible] by [illegible].
Friday Aug 19th
Visited the market

[illegible] [illegible] oysters
[illegible] 1.00 Pint 6
[illegible] 6 about [illegible] spoonful
[illegible] 5 [illegible] spoonful
[illegible] 10 [illegible]
[illegible] 25
[illegible] 20, 20
[illegible] 12, 20, [illegible]
Eggs [illegible] 5 [illegible] each.
Bacon none in market.
Meal 20 [illegible] quart
Salt 5 [illegible] spoonful
[illegible] 120 [illegible]
Red pepper 5 [illegible] Pod.
Soda 25 [illegible] spoonful,
Half Canteen Sodas [illegible], 35 [illegible]
[illegible] 15 [illegible] 30 [illegible] each
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Gave grapes in market
but failed to learn the p[...]
owing to the owners b[...]
so gruff. Saw a sick
man laying [...] the
[...] helped [...]
[...] as [...] I
am compelled [...]
in a very casual manner
leaving description [...]
a further commentary at [...]
future time. Rained
Read Psalms 123 [...]
to remember.
Saturday Aug 20th
Market prices.
Rations as yesterday
except [...]

(Wheat first ration, [illegible] of bolo,) is not so high.
Corn meal 20ct quart
Rice 80 " "
Cooked Rice 1.0 plate
Corn fritters 1.0 for 3
Wheat fritters 2.0 " "
Boiled eggs, lingaund, bean soup
Peas, soap, tobacco, Tomatoes
Yesterday,
Peaches 10. 20. 25, 30.
Persimmons [illegible] [illegible]
Watermelon 5 [illegible]
Chickens 15 greenback per pair
One blanket $10 plus 20cts
Rained again to-day, I saw
the same sick man lying
by the side of the creek
this [illegible] Read Psalms

Sunday Aug 21st
Much the same
as yesterday. Read 10th 11
and Part on 20th [illegible]
Finish [illegible]
Rained again [illegible]
Monday Aug 22nd
My [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] expires to day
but [illegible]
[illegible]
Read in the Testament.
Tuesday Aug 23rd
A good deal of [illegible]
the [illegible], Read in
the Testament
Wednesday Aug 24th
Read in Testament

Thursday Aug 25th
Read in Testament, Change
Gathering hereafter
the sick detachments
draw raw rations,
Friday Aug 26th
Bathed, Read in Test,
on detail to draw
Rations,
Saturday Aug 27th
Read in Testament,
Sunday Aug 28th
Read in Testament.
Monday Aug 29th
heard that no parole
has been agreed upon but
that probably there
been sent to our

government, No money
received yet, Read in
Testament.
Tuesday Aug 30th
Read Testament, I have a
desire to note the peculi-
arity that a dead man
is carried in this camp
as a means of obtain-
ing wood, For those who
carry out the dead can
bring back an armful
of wood. From one to
three dollars worth of
wood can be thus obtained
by each individual who
is lucky enough to
have a dead comrade

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Wednesday Aug 31st

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the Camp [illegible]

and trade between the

prisoners and [illegible]

Thursday Sept 1st 1864

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of the 9th Reg

[illegible] in Testament.

Friday Sept 2d.

Read Testament. a good visiter

[illegible] of the 9th and

[illegible] Caiaby [illegible]

have high hopes of

a [illegible] exchange.

Saturday. Sept 3d

Read in the Testament.

Rumors of a Battle and

Sept.

victory on the old
field of Fair Oaks.
Sunday Sept 4th
Read in the [illegible]
heat [illegible] of [illegible]
and [illegible]. The [illegible]
of the prisoners in Camp
Sumpter [illegible]
[illegible]
Monday Sept 5th
Saw prisoners [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
army. [illegible]
Read in the [illegible]
Tuesday Sept 6th
Read in the [illegible]
18 [illegible]

prisoners to be ready to
leave there [illegible] of a [illegible]
which said to be for
exchange. There are in
this prison 118 Detachments
each detachment has
3 messes and each mess
is supposed to contain
90 men.
Wednesday Sept. 7th
Six detachments left
here to day, [illegible] in
the [illegible].
Thursday Sept 8th
Have [illegible] [illegible], hope to god
it may be an Exchange
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Friday Sept 9th
Read in Prof. Testimony
Mor. [illegible] in
Lutions [illegible]
Saturday 10th Sept
On detail [illegible]
got [illegible] but [illegible]
more [illegible]
hard [illegible]
ment [illegible]
in [illegible]
God [illegible]
I read [illegible]
Sunday Sept 11th
[illegible]
As I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Monday Sept 12th
Prisoners continue to leave.
Rained in the afternoon.
All draw cooked rations.
Over twenty detachments
leave camp to day.

Tuesday Sept 13th
More prisoners leave.
Rained in the afternoon.
An accident on the rail
road to night.

Wednesday Sept 14th
No prisoners leave to
day on account of the
accident

Thursday Sept 15th
The prisoners
march to day. Rest in

her sick.
Friday Sept 16th
Part of the sick that
went out last night
return. ~~Saturday~~
~~Saturday~~ Sept 17th
in the ... seeing the
drag. After dark
... the took
out 300 of ... ...
men to the exchange
at Atlanta.
~~Sunday~~ 18
No ...
begins to look ...
... ...
more ... ...
men ... ... the

night Mr. Mains

Tuesday 19th Sept.

Went to Christmas [illegible]
[illegible] night. Read in
the Testament.

[illegible] 20th

[illegible] ordered [illegible] all [illegible]
[illegible] in Fathers name.
Read Lectures [illegible]

Wednesday 21

Dark and rainy, has been
cloudy and gloomy [illegible]
the 16th [illegible] Read [illegible]
Testament [illegible] read
[illegible] paper

Thursday Sept 22

[illegible]

evenings [illegible]
I have a very bad cold
with sore throat lately.
Friday 23d
Rained. Read Tristan[?] west.
Saturday 24th
rained.
Sunday 25th Sept
Wonderful cold last
night. My [illegible]
eaten out with the
Stormy.
Monday Sept 26th
Very cold last night
Tuesday 27th
[illegible]
[illegible]
night.
Wednesday Oct 28

Wednesday Sept 28th
a few Reb prisoners
brought to [illegible]
Thursday Sept 29th
[illegible] constantly in
[illegible]
Friday Sept 30th
[illegible]
[illegible] infirmary
Saturday Oct 1st 1864
Here we stay [illegible] our
[illegible]
Sunday Oct 2d
Read in Description
of Africa.
Monday Oct 3d
Read Charity [illegible]
[illegible]

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Tuesday Oct 4th
Read in Discovery
Africa
Wednesday Oct 5th
Read in Discovery of Africa
and in The last [illegible]
[illegible]
Thursday Oct 6th
Read in Description of
Africa Rained.
Oct 7 Friday
Failed to get out [illegible]
[illegible]
Saturday Oct 8th
No [illegible]
[illegible]
Sunday Oct 9th
[illegible]

[illegible] nights. [illegible] cold
Monday Oct 10th
2 months since we first came to this camp. Nights cold
Tuesday Oct 11th
Prisoners arrive from Shermans army 14th and 15th A. C. [illegible]
[illegible] one
Wednesday Oct 12th
All as usual, read in the Testament, [illegible]
Thursday Oct 13th
On detail to draw rations nights continue cold
Friday Oct 14th
Visited the sick [illegible]

Saturday Oct 15th
Read papers [illegible] a
[illegible] at Allatoona Pass
[illegible] out of six hundred
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
Sunday Oct 16th
Read in the Testament
Monday Oct 17th
As usual every thing is
dull and monotonous
Tuesday Oct 18th
Read in Robinson Cru-
soe went out for
wood
Wednesday Oct 19th
went out

for wood Redd in
Robinson linne
Thursday Oct 20th
hard Ripping brass
Friday Oct 21st
Went out for wood
and planking cel
for taking wood
Saturday Oct 22d
all quiet not much
[illegible] thinning.
Sunday Oct 23d
[illegible]
Tuesday [illegible]
Monday Oct 24th
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Tuesday Oct 25th [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday Oct 26th
Reports of Exchange.
Thursday Oct 27th
Rained pretty hard.
Friday Oct 28th
Reports that we are
going to another
prison. Sold my
[illegible] to Hamilton.
Saturday Oct 29th
Dismal & [illegible]
regarding.
Sunday Oct 30th
Received orders to be
ready to move out
in the morning.
Monday Oct 31st
Leave the Stockade

Tuesday Nov 1st
Arrived at the Stockade
near Allen prosper
for Ghoring
Wednesday Nov 2d
rained hard, cold and
chilly and a very
miserable time we
are having.
Thursday Nov 3d
Rained quite cold
Friday Nov 4
Cold, clear in the
morning, cloudy and
cold in the night
commenced work trying
to fix for winter
[illegible]

(Reported that 10000 sick are
(to be exchanged.)
Saturday Nov 5th
Clear and pleasant
Chances for life has
seem slim enough
Sunday Nov 6th
Clear and pleasant
Monday Nov 7th
Some of the boys
secure some [illegible]
boughs to cover our
shanty which consider
ably brightens our
prospects. Weather clear
and pleasant. Rumors
of an exchange.
Tuesday Nov 8th
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

was elected by
934 majority
Wednesday Nov 9th
All quiet.
Thursday Nov 10th
Just do.
Friday Nov 11th
Report of a general
exchange.
Saturday Nov 12th
Flanked out and got
some boughs
Sunday Nov 13th
Read in the Testament.
Monday Nov
Got sweet potato
instead of meal.
[illegible] as [illegible]

July 17th
The heat [illegible]
day. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
I am [illegible]
[illegible] Drink [illegible]
potatoes, again today
[illegible]
[illegible]
July 18th
[illegible] again.
I saw a man sell his
last rations of beans for
five cents and then go
and bet and lose it
on a Chuck Luck board.

Saturday Nov 19th
Jake out sick again to
day.
Sunday Nov 20th
Some Officers have been
here for the purpose
of getting exchanged
by [illegible] their chans
They are making out
a list of the worst sick
prisoners to day.
Monday Nov 21st
Got orders to fall in
at one A.M. and after
an inconceivable amount
of crowding we got out at
the gate and got aboard
the cars. [illegible] was

accomplished the
a rain storm, we got
a cracker and half
and about half lb of
beef for one days rations
Rolled off to Lebanon
here we was put aboard
flat cars and run
all the night of storm
and half the year as
noon on the morn of the
22d about eight miles
south of Tar... ah
P. M. ... we must
be ... ...
Tuesday Nov 22d
We ... by ... ...
... ...

have to make fires
but nothing to eat
weather clear and cold
My feet and horse
are as near froze as good
since they have been
more lame since last
February constant wear
I have no blanket of
my own, but one that
that I can beg, and
that is more than a
year old. No socks,
but I am in luck to
have a good pair of
shoes.
Wednesday Nov 23rd
We got a pretty good

ration of hard bread
but nothing with it,
weather cloudy, cold, and
windy.
Thursday Nov 24
move out into the
woods, drawn a few
hard bread.
Friday Nov 25th.
Nothing much going
on.
Saturday Nov 26th
Took out a lot of
prisoners and paroled
them.
Sunday Nov 27th
A [illegible] in the
[illegible]

Monday Nov 28th
Armn ronnded and trade with the guard. whereby I got a little to eat.
Tuesday Nov 29th
Took out another thousand to day.
Wednesday Nov 30th
One man shot by the guard.
Thursday December 1st 1864
Nothing worthy of note, only remarkably fine weather for winter.
Friday Dec. 2d.
The thousand that went out last returned to day. having been to

Savannah they report that Burnside has cut the Rail Road between Charleston and Savannah. Also that Sherman is within 30 miles of the latter city. God grant it.

Tuesday Dec [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sunday Dec [illegible]

[illegible]

oath of allegiance to the
English for many of them
would sooner shed them in
their graves had they remain
in prison.
Monday Dec 5th
the [illegible] out [illegible] men
of [illegible] Pound in the Settlement
Tuesday Dec 6th
9 o'clock to issue the
dry rations to day but failed
for want of material
the Exchange reorganized
by [illegible],
Wednesday Dec 7th
Rained. and [illegible] fool about
rations all day spent most
of the day drawing beef

Many of our men are
[illegible] work a days in
Thursday Dec 8th
I felt very feverish to
day. The water is not
good here.
Friday Dec 9th
I feel unwell all
day. Several [illegible]
have orders to be ready
to go out.
Saturday Dec 10th
We broke up camp and
went [illegible] to the depot
[illegible] had a good
[illegible] [illegible]
out of their holding
places [illegible] [illegible]

camp. Cold rain. tonight
Sunday. Dec 11th
got aboard the cars and
after a good deal of trouble
got off South and [illegible],
we were crowded 85 men
in one [illegible] car. [illegible]
Monday Dec. 12th
We arrived at Thomasville
and got into the [illegible]
camp at 3 A.M. this morn
Weather cold and windy
we got out and got a little
wood about noon.
Tuesday. Dec 13th
pass the day rather [illegible]
Wednesday
[illegible] the camp

Wednesday Dec 14th
Got a load of pine
boards to burn
Thursday Dec 15th
Read Pauls Epistle
to Titus.
Friday Dec 16th
The Rebels being away
out of Nashville and
within near Savannah
after hard fighting
news of Nashville coming
in and ... victory.
Reorganize the
... ...
Saturday Dec 17th
Giving two days rations
... ... bread with

a caution to keep them
on hand. This looks
something like leaving.
Sunday Dec 18th
Read Pauls Epistle to
Titus. Reports are rife
that Savanah has fallen
into the hands of Sherman
Monday Dec 19th
We left camp a little
after six o'clock and
marched from fifteen
to ten miles in a
northerly direction
Crossed one river,
the name of which
I do not know.
marching is very

and on us now
Weather continues like
former.
Tuesday Dec 20th
marched sixteen miles
drizzle rain, very [illegible]
Wednesday Dec 21st
Cold windy and [illegible]
very bad roads
Thursday Dec 22nd
Clear, cold and windy
marched sixteen miles
Friday Dec 23rd
marched two miles
lay in camp until after
dark when we went down
to Albany and got
aboard the cars

Saturday Dec 24th
Cars Started about 3 o'clock
and we arrived at old
Camp Sumpter before
[illegible]
Sunday Dec 25th
Cold [illegible] things [illegible]
Such a [illegible] Christmas
Monday Dec 26th
[illegible]
10 9th [illegible]
[illegible]
Tuesday Dec 27th
[illegible] weather.
Wednesday 28th
[illegible]
Thursday Dec 29
Cold again.

Friday 30th December
The [illegible] [illegible]
Saturday Dec 31
Weather [illegible] rain
before day light
Sunday Jan 1st 1865
I traded [illegible] weather
snow moderate.
Monday Jan 2d
Nothing of importance.
Tuesday Jan 3d
Rain and drizzly all day.
Wednesday Jan 4
Got admitted to the Rebel
hospital which is a [illegible]
miserable place [illegible]
is nice to day.

Thursday Jan 5th
Weather Cloudy and chilly.
Set around all day. had
my rations stole.
had fat dumplings for the
first time in Ringgold.
Friday Jan 6th
Set and Slew fine yarn
Saturday Jan 7th
rations smaller than before
Sunday Jan 8th
I returned to my division
Returning to [illegible] to live
on, traded my shoes for
a blanket.
Monday Jan 9th
Talked with Jerrard all
Day. He is a very

interesting fellow. skin
hard to-day (cold rain)
Tuesday Jan 10th
Cold rain in the evening
thunder. Storm clear off
about 9 am. cold wind
all day. Rather Small.
Wednesday Jan 11th
Go in to Kent with Jan
Wales, Be returns after
to night.
Thursday Jan 12th weather
clear cold.
Friday Jan 13th
[illegible] rain week
at [illegible].
Saturday Jan 14th
[illegible] [illegible] on the

Mising.
Sunday Jan 15th
Raing magnificent.
Monday Jan 16th
reported capture [illegible] Exchange
Reported reported [illegible]
Tuesday Jan 17th
reported that [illegible] had taken Charleston
Wednesday Jan 18th
Warm day.
Thursday Jan 19th
Rained.
~~Friday~~ Jan 20th.
Rained.
~~Sat~~ Jan 21st
Rain continually.

~~Saturday~~ Sunday Jan 22d
Rain continues.
Monday Jan 23d
Rains.
Tuesday Jan 24th
Clear and cold.
Wednesday Jan 25th Cold.
Thursday Jan 26th
Cold, Wood is [illegible]
all the time and we
suffer intolerably.
Friday Jan ~~[illegible]~~ 27
Cold yet.
Sat. Jan 28th
Cold.
Sunday Jan 29th
Still rather cool.

[illegible] take the oath of allegiance

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Monday Jan 30th
The wether is fine to day

Tuesday Jan 31st
Wether very fine

Wednesday Feb 1st
fine weather mary has gone a visit. She has gone to Washington.

Thursday Feb 2d
warm but cloudy

Friday Feb 3d
raining last night and to day raining
Saturday 4th
fine weather.

Sunday Feb 5th Rain
Monday Feb 6th Rain
Tuesday Feb 7th Rain
Wednesday Feb 8th Rainy
Thursday Feb 9th Cloudy
Friday Feb 10th Clear
Sat. Feb. 11th Warm
and beautiful
Sunday 12th Clear
Monday Feb 13th Cloudy
Tuesday 14th Rain
Rations Rainy
Wednesday 15th Clear
Wind warm
Thursday 16th windy
but clear
Friday 17th Clear and
windy

Sat. Feb 18th warm
and beautiful
Sunday 19th the same
kind of weather rumors
of an exchange are going
again
Monday Feb 20th
weather continues fine
Tuesday Feb 21st every
thing as usual.
Wednesday Feb 22d
Washingtons birthday
and I'm in the bull pen
a [illegible] months ago to
day I was captured
Thursday Feb 23d
Rumors of an exchange

I have been a prisoner 16 mo

Friday Feb 24th
Begun to rain last
night at dark continued
to rain to day.
Sat. Feb 25th
Rains yet
Sunday Feb 26th
Clear
Monday Feb 27th
Rain
Tuesday Feb 28th
rain [illegible] to night
Wednesday March 1st
1865
ration large at [illegible]
[illegible] continued
Thursday March 2nd
[illegible] but little
rain

Friday March 3rd
Weather very warm
Sat March 4th Rain
Sunday March 5th
bear and warm
Great talk of exchange
Monday Night 6th
Rations did not come
in until night
Tuesday March 7th
very warm & nice
Wednesday March 8th
[illegible] [illegible] for us
[illegible] make [illegible]
Thursday March 9th
Rained hard.
Friday March 10th
[illegible] And cold.

March

taken to dig there

Sat March

Weather fair, cloudy

Monday March 12

Weather dry

great holes

my diches

Tuesday 13

Flax

Wednesday 14

digged

Thursday 15

Friday 16 cloudy

Sat 17 Mar.

Clear

Pain and sick

March
They take out prisoners
said to be for exchange
Sunday 18th
a beautiful
Monday March 20th
a very fine day
Thursday 23d
more prisoners have
Monday 26
prisoners go out
[illegible] 28
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] day
Sunday April 1st
The officers commence

and assure us that
we shall soon leave
Wednesday April 4th
We are talking out pit
and paroled. Find pit
here
Thursday April 5th
We leave the stockade
The stockade again
at Albany for the [illegible]
~~Saturday~~ Friday April 6
We moved out to the spring
The spring truly with
visit
Saturday 7th We moved
about fifteen miles and
[illegible] long and [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible].

[illegible] day of the escaping

Sunday 8th [illegible] on

[illegible] accident

[illegible]

3rd day [illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] negroes. [illegible]

got a good [illegible] and

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

4th day

Wednesday [illegible] got

Eggs, Milk, and onions

[illegible] in night ran a

narrow risk of being re-

taken while trying to

forage.

5th day
Thursday 12th Slept
4-hours [illegible] a little
6th day Friday 13th
Lay in Long [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] last
night. [illegible]
stock [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] 7th day of the
Saturday 14th [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible]
Saw one [illegible]
up! (8th day)
[illegible] 15
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible], get [illegible]

news and information from the negroes. Lay all day in cane brake. 9th day since I left. Monday 16th Lay in a lonely desolate place, a few rods from canes and blackberry bushes, being my protection. Run into a bayou about 10 P.M. find my self surrounded by a drift of logs etc. Lay down and sleep till morn. (10th day) Tues. 17th Drop and paddle up the cut off. Call on a widow woman who not knowing why I was feel quite well and gave great information. 11th day off. Wednes-day (18th)

April

Work my way on up the creek. Saw an alligator. Found an old skiff [illegible] of Blackberry and it. Run on another drift of timber. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] day

Thursday 19th [illegible] pulled back up the river 13th day

Friday 20th Kept on up the river. [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a little company among the owls and wild cats.

15th day after escape
April 22nd Sunday (wild honey)
16th day of escape
Monday Apr. 23rd (alarm)
Tuesday Apr 24th
Paddling the river to
Apalachicola
Wednesday Apr 25th
Free once again. This
morning I was taken
by [illegible] the [illegible] of
Apalachicola to the
U.S.S. Stars and Stripes
[illegible] though I was
[illegible] to the [illegible] ship
[illegible]. This morn
afternoon three more
escaped [illegible]
came [illegible]
Thursday Apr 26th

Spent the day reading and enjoying myself as well as the crippled condition will admit. The officers and men of the vessel are very kind to me. Saw one of Sword swallowing performance.

Friday Apr 27th

Again out in the open. The vessel has been taking in coal all day nearly. The day pleasant. A large rattlesnake was seen at the [illegible] today.

Sat Apr 28th Have [illegible] nothing [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. The U.S. Gunboat [illegible] arrived this

Diary of D. Bond
Civil war.
Tells of battles and
his escape from
Prison.

with the brightest in-
tentions of the armies
of our noble position
[illegible] After [illegible]
[illegible] not afraid
[illegible] in the after-
noon we are now on
the [illegible] And as we
[illegible] have made
our escape a final
reality. And so the
month of April is
[illegible] ended I will
close this book
hoping that the
dates for the last
[illegible] one in
[illegible] times [illegible]
[illegible] I shall

Got up [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] Good
[illegible] Rebels [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] D. [illegible]
money [illegible]
[illegible]
containing [illegible]
a count. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Book
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] then [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

6 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] ghosts
dream of

[illegible]

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To all whom it may Concern

Be it Known, that this Testimonial of regard is given to Daniel Bond of "F" Company 1st Minnesota Vol. Inf'y, on the occasion of my leaving the Military service of the U.S. under a sence of Justice to a Brave & faithful soldier

Having been under my immediate Command since the 16th day of September 1862 to the present time it is proper for me to say Daniel Bond has during that time been ever anxious to meet the enemies of his government and whose merits are best seen through the smoke of Battle

Fort Snelling Minn
May 5th 1864

John Ball
Capt Comdg "F" Company
1st Minnesota Vol Infty

For Florence
Florence Bond Soules

I hereby certify that Daniel Bon[illegible] paticapated in the following Battles & Seiges

Names	Date	Remarks
Edwards Ferry	Oct 21st 1861	
Siege of Yorktown	april 1862	
West Point	May 8th " 1862	
Fair Oaks	May 31st June 1st 1862	
Peach Orchard	June 29th 1862	
Savages Station	June 29th 1862	
White Oak Swamp	June 30th 1862	
Malvern Hill	July 1st 1862	
" "	— —	
Flint Hill	Sept 2d 1862	
South Mountain	Sept 14th " 1862	
Antietam	Sept 17th 1862	
Charlestown	Oct 24th 1862	
Fredericksburg	Dec 13th "	Wounded
Chancellorsville no 2	May 3d 1863	
Haymarket	June 26th "	
Gettysburg	July 2d & 3d 1863	
Bristow Station	Oct 14th 1863	

John Bull Capt "F" Co
1st Minn Vol Infty

Names of Persons Mentioned in this book.

1. Samson, Pelatiah, Hezekiah, Benjamin, Edward (Ned), my brothers

2. Archabald, Barnes, Coleman, were boys under sixteen years of age belonging to the Second Company of Minnesota Sharpshooters and were attached to our Regiment as Co. L. Archabald was not fifteen years old, small of his age — looked like a pretty little dark-eyed girl. He was so young and small that he had to enlist as a drummer. But he refused to drum and demanded his rifle, proving himself to be an excellent marksman, he had his way. These boys served their full time — all were wounded but all got safely home at last. They lived near Lake Minnetonka and I had some acquaintance with them before the war — truer steel was never yet put into men.

3. Standish — Decker — recruits who enlisted at the same time I did. Standish was a good boy twenty years old son of a Methodist Preacher — his family of the Old Massachusetts stock. He himself was born in Massachusetts. When the war broke out he was a student in Hamline University. So also were Philip Hamlin and Charles Berdan students, and sons of Methodist Preachers. Hamlin was killed at Gettysburg. So far as I know Berdan is living yet. He was twice wounded. There were, perhaps, a dozen more students of the university — among them Sergeant Wright with whom I came most in contact and most admired. I think it can safely be said that all these students gave a good account of themselves.

4 "Jarve" Jarvis Chaffee a young man who in 1858 had his right arm and scalp torn off in my father's threshing machine. It was several years before the sore scalp healed. Meanwhile, it would inflame whenever he tried to study. We kept him in our home the greater part of the time for two years. I became much attached to him and from letters I wrote him, I have been able to supplement much of what would have been lost with my Diary which I lost July 30, 1862 at the Battle of White Oak Swamps.

5. "Melissa", Melissa Bond a cousin of mine who had lived several years in our family. She was teaching in Indiana during the war.

Gift of [illegible] [illegible] and Fern [illegible]

[illegible]

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Preface.

[illegible] was [illegible] a concentration of all that is wicked; and the most cruel invention of the worst enemy of the [illegible] race. And believing that were the [illegible] truth with regard to its inhuman cruelty known, much would be done at least to soften its horrors, if not to eradicate it from the world's history. And knowing that the truth will never be known [illegible] who have witnessed its heart sickening scenes record the same. I [illegible] to [illegible] in its [illegible], [illegible] so black, so very infamous, that [illegible] them [illegible] shame to [illegible] this record. [illegible] to write them [illegible], that such as desire it, [illegible] them; [illegible] and [illegible] I [illegible] this [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] in this world.

Besides, having been an infidel, and having by the grace of God been led to [illegible] the utter folly, to say no worse, of infidelity [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they may be in other respects, [illegible] this connection [illegible]. I trust will always be sacred to my heart [illegible] it to be my duty to [illegible] it. The reader will observe that [illegible]

[illegible]

The 14th of April A.D. 1861 will long be remembered as the day on which the U.S. ~~first~~ government first gave evidence that it had the courage to resent treason. On that day the President of the United States (Abraham Lincoln) first issued a call for 75 000 men to suppress insurrection. I had at that time made preparations to travel through Ill. But on the 17th I met my old Friend J. M. Mitchell [illegible] ation. And also a paper enlisting men for the service. I at once resolved to enlist as it was but for three months. I was accordingly at a war meeting at Minneapolis on the 20th and that day news first came to us of the attack on the Massachusetts boys in Baltimore.

On the 22d our Company was full; elected Officers and was accepted by the Governor. After a visit home we [illegible] Snelling on the 24th, the Citizens boarded us at the [illegible], and Nicolet. We remained in Minneapolis until the 29th when we marched to Ft Snelling where we were mustered into the U.S. service. I must confess that I was exceedingly verdant to say the least, besides being slow to learn the drill. But all this did not in my mind justify all the abuse which I imagined I was receiving from one John Hoblett. After bearing with this [illegible] I finally had to go so far as to threaten fight before I made him to desist. He, however, saw the error of his way, asked pardon and ever afterwards treated me like a gentleman.

Our Company officers were Capt Putnam, 1st Lieut [illegible], Second Lieutenant D. C. Smith. We had an Orderly Sergt. [illegible] Hammon who seemed to control the [illegible] of the non commissioned officers, and the [illegible] thing required in order to attain office was Ignorance, second Impudence, And last not least, the Aspirant must be what Yankees would call a "Smart boy" i.e a perfect fool.

I did not remain long in the service. This was owing to the fact that there was an order issued for us all to be mustered into the service for three years or during the war, or be discharged, so on the 20th of May I was discharged not at that time being ready to go for so long a period. One of my reasons for not entering the service was because I feared being sent to duty on the frontier instead of going south against the Rebels.

But it so happened that the Regiment was ordered south, participated in the Battle of Bull Run in which they suffered considerable loss. A call was issued for men to recruit the Regt. I at once decided that it was best for me to go. On the 22d of August 1861 I repaired to Fort Snelling and was duly mustered into the service. Soon after entering I made the acquaintance of an old grey by the name of Hiram Wentworth, commonly called [illegible] Wentworth. I also made the acquaintance of one M. G. Standish and likewise A. L. M. Decker. I quote from my Diary beginning Sept. 2d. 1861. Monday.

I left Mr. E. G. [illegible]. Jarve walked with me a short distance. We finaly parted, it may be for ever. It's a great consolation to have a friend like him at such a time as this. I arrived at the Fort about two oclock P.M. There has no one enlisted for the 1st Regt. since I left the fort last Friday. There is a report now current here that we are not to be sent to the Regt. untill 150 men have enlisted, that being the number required to fill up the Regt. If this should prove true we will likely lay idle for several months, and I may visit home again.

~~Tuesday~~ Sept. 3d.

I felt ~~I am~~ happy this morning. There was several recruits enlisted to day. One by the name of Thomas Hughes. He is a brother of my friend Charly Hughes. He was injured in his intellect when young by the small pox. I had

the good fortune to get hold of a copy of Shelley's Works I read Queen Mab at once. It was fully equal to my expectations I never read after a poet whose sentiments so exactly corresponded with my own.

Wednesday. Sept 4th. Morning.

I feel exceedingly joyful this morning. I am sitting by the Minnesota river just at the edge of the water. The Sun, in his golden splendor, has has just ~~risen~~ risen. His rays are in glory reflected by the white sand rocks that are crowned by the almost classic walls of Ft Snelling. Oh! the scene is too beautiful for description.

Evening. We had ~~an~~ a religious discussion to day with our drill sergeant who it seems is afflicted with the hallucination that there is a god.* While we were resting he said something about "God" when Wentworth (the long-haired) added: "That is, if there is any god!" The sergeant seemed amazed and in true Christian spirit exclaimed "you brute!" A discussion followed in which the sergt was worsted. When the confab ended our Christian friend had become quite too humble to call an infidel a brute simply because he did not agree with him. Lizzie Harvey and W. F. Atkinson visited the fort to day. I attended the Lyceum which the boys of the 2d Regiment have established. Their business matters were carried on rather clumsily when compared with Highland Park.

Thursday Sept. 5th.

Our drill master and most of the men have been gone away to day. Consequently we had no drill. We are now sixteen in number. I have had an opportunity to read some to day. I was reading in a book of ~~[illegible]~~ Imagination entitled A Panorama of Times by ~~James~~ David A. Moore. It belongs to a young man by the name of Standish who thinks it is a great work, but I withold my opinion until I have finished reading it. I visited what I shall term the Elysian

* I was a rank Atheist in those days, though not so much so now. In [illegible] where I am the farthest away from [illegible] Fool World,

"Elysian Fields."* Reader should you ever be at Ft. Snelling do not fail to go up the Mississippi about half a mile where two little valleys make down from the Highlands to the river. They are most beautifuly shaded with trees and there is only a small raise of ground between the two. In one of them there is a pure spring of pure water. Be sure not fail to pass down them far enough to emerge on to the open land between the second bank and the river. This spot should be seen in Spring, Summer, or Autumn, for it must be but a dreary place in winter.

Friday Sept. 6th

I continued reading "The Panorama of Time" I also studied Latin a little. We had no drill this forenoon. But we drilled well this afternoon. My thoughts continue to bend on the kind friends I have left. But I will say that, never in my life did I see so many civil and intelligent young men in one crowd as the recruits of the 1st. Regt. To be among a set of men, ten or fifteen in number, ~~whose~~ away from female society, who employ their leisure time in reading and pleasant conversation, instead of Blackguarding and Carousing is indeed surprising to human nature.

Saturday Sept. 7th Morning.

I feel ~~sad~~ and Melancholy. My mind is somewhat distracted owing in part to ~~an~~ unpleasant dream which I had last night. I finished reading the Panorama Of Time this morn. I think it has probably done me some good. It has some sense and more religion. I practiced shooting with a revolver awhile Then I strolled up the river and have there laid down in solitude and written the above, but it is nearly noon and I must return to the fort. Evening.

I recieved a letter from Remy, one from Mother, and one from Jarve. Jarves made me feel good because it began with "I see 'Em" a classic known only to Jarve and myself. It is said

* When I was at the fort in the Spring of '64. I was sorry to observe that the distroying hand of man had ruined this beautiful spot.

that we are to start for Washington ~~tomorrow~~ next Tuesday. Be it so.

Sunday Sept. 8th Morning.

I have been wandering up the Minnesota river among those beautiful willows that I so much admired when I was on guard last Spring. but it is now nearly noon and I must return. Evening

I have been throwing a heavy weight with the boys I threw it the farthest of any one in the fort with ~~a~~ a single exception. This was ~~by~~ in throwing it over our heads. I beat the entire garrison throwing it forward. There are about 310 men here now.

Monday Sept 9th

I wrote to Jane. And although it was raining I took my usual walk. I went to the grave yard. Not the one near the Fort but the one on the hill South of the road leading to Minneapolis, about a mile distant from the Fort. I found the following inscription on the tomb stone of a young mother who was buried by the side of her young babes.

"A common's grave is here,
A dark haired daughter of Englands sunny Isle
Her wedding garment for a shroud she's changed
And ~~now~~ here her bridal fruit lays beside."

Tuesday Sept 10th.

Badly sold! We started for Washington this morning; but when we got to St Paul we had to turn back owing to a difference arising between Capt. Downie and and the officer appointed to superintend the transportation of troops from Minn. In the afternoon Wentworth and I went to Minnehaha Creek above the falls where there is a pleasant grove ~~where~~ we found plenty of wild cherries and had a good time. Wentworth is a very entertaining companion, but he

is remarkably stoical in his doctrine.

Wednesday Sept. 11th.

We had a drill to day. [Seeligh my father] Till came along and I accompanied him a short distance on his way homeward He gave me some good advice as to my conduct while in the service, but whether I will heed it or not is another thing. Lieutenant Regaught came up and assured us that we would start for Washington tomorrow

Thursday Sept 12th Morning.

We have entereded upon a new era. We left Ft Snelling at five oclock and forty five minutes. We halted about two miles from the fort and I took a last long look as we fell in and marched on. We entered St Paul to the tune of "Yankee doodle" I felt both proud and sorrowful as I passed through the City. We marched down 3d Street to the Landing ang got aboard the Steamer Wenona and are now gliding merrily down the Mississippi. The City is just receeding from my view. The trees will soon draw their curtain between us and it, Perhaps forever.

Evening:

We are right at the head of lake Pepin. The boat is steaming smoothly over the tiny waves. It is nearly sunset. The bluffs are so grand that I must pause to admire them. The scene is too beautiful for me to sit here writing, so no more to night

Frida Sept. 13th.

Last night Wentworth and I sat on the hurricane deck and talked till midnight. I did not sleep more than an hour during the entire night. We landed at La Crosse at 6 A.M. and imediatly took the Cars for Milwaukie. Untill about Mosinah our route lay through Scrub Oaks, tamarac swamps, and pine lands with an occasional high and rocky bluff. After this we rode

through oak timber untill two when it changed to beech and maple. We arrived in Milwaukee about half past three I should think. We took the Cars for Chicago and are now on the way which makes it very dificult for me to write. (Written while the train was stoped at a station between Pittsburg and Harrisburg)

Saturday Sept 14th

We arrived in Chicago last night and just had time to change Cars and started for Pittsburgh. I fell asleep soon after we left Chicago and did not awake untill we were in Lima Ohio. We arrived in Smoky Pittsburg about 3 P.M. We imediatly left for Harrisburg. It is now about 9 P.M. and the Cars are starting so I can write no more.

Sunday Sept 15th Morning

We arrived in Harrisburg about 2 A.M. The train that left imediatly afterward for Baltimore was so crowded that we failed to get off. Therefore we are compelled to lay over to day. Weintrath and I have been walking about the City and country. We had a bath in the Susquehanna. Visited the State house the grounds of which are tastefuly laid out. The trees are most artfuly trained in many fantastic shapes. Two young Eagles are kept there which serve to remind us of the cause in which we are engaged. The State arsnel is near the capitol building here there are a great amount of arms. There are several batteries of Artilery here all ready for the field. The engine house is a magnificent structure capable of sheltering fifty two engines. There is also an engine manufactory which is a splendid building. On the whole the City is a very beautiful one.

Afternoon

I have traveled over the entire city. I think it is by far the most beautiful one I ever saw. But it is corrupt in proportion to its beauty. Only last ~~night that~~ night was a

young girl was raped and murdered near the canal They are searching the canal for her body to day. I visited the city reservoir. This is raised about thirty or forty feet above the common level of the City. it is about 60 feet in diameter and is fed by a large spout raising in the middle the water comes from the river and supplies the city. There are now about 7000 men encamped here.

Monday Sept 16th

We left Harrisburg this morning at 3 o'clock arrived in Baltimore, passed through the city. at the depot of the Baltimore and Ohio rail Road we saw the bullet holes where the enraged irishmen fired their muskets when their officers would not let them fire into the mob that were attacking them as they returned from the three months service We arrived in Washington about 5 P.M. I wrote to Benj. and then started in search of him. I went to the Post Office and mailed my letter, then after making some inquiries, I started and run about three miles, when not finding his Regt. I thought it was about time to return to our quarters at the Soldiers retreat 40 rods from the Capitol.

Tuesday Sept. 17th

I rose early this morning and went to the Capitol, I visited the picture galleries; I beheld the statues, I gazed upon the walls and columns of polished marble; I assended the dome, and cast my eyes on the scene before me. Munson's Hill and other points occupied by the rebel hordes were in plain view. I could see thousands of our own tents, Artillery cavalry and infantry. & camps in evry direction as far as the eye could distinguish an object. I could see the regular streets of the City laying beneath my feet. Yet one relic of barbarism was there. the names of thousands who had assended the dome were written in pencil marks on the smothe white plank. The building is yet unfinished notwithstanding it is magnificent beyond discription. I left the Capitol and went in search of Benj, and after visiting a great number of camps

X It was in Washington that at this time [illegible] the [illegible] of this fact [illegible] without [illegible] the [illegible].
([illegible] 1916.)

and traveling several miles, I at last found him in the nearest one to our quarters. He was greatly amazed at my sudden appearance, but the first excitement over the "act" I were soon engaged in pleasant conversation. He borrowed the horse of one of his comrades for me and we took a ride into the country. After which he went with me to our quarters we visited the Capitol together. We then returned to the soldier's retreat and passed the evening happily in conversation. We next retired to rest that is lay down on a table and slept until morning.

Wednesday Sept 18th

I parted with Benj, possibly for the ~~the~~ last time# but if our country demands it, be it so.
We have got into a scrape, we are now at Georgetown without an officer or even a pass to show. It seems to me that Officers ought to have more sense than to send a lot of men off to join thier regiments in a country under martial Law without a scratch of a pen to account for them. And it seems to me that the boys are equally foolish to undertake such a job. I protested but told them I would go with them, even if we did get into a scrape. And now that we have got into it, every one says he told us better but we would go ahead. Therefore I claim all the blame. The boys have allready begun to grow sick of a soldier's life. Now be it understood that those that complain are not of the first ones that enlisted for they are remarkably cheerful patient and Intelligent boys.

Evening

We atlast got aboard of a government canal boat and started up the river. we have had a good time to day where the boat has had to pass through several locks. At one place we could have time to play in the woods, hunt grapes, and swim in the canal. The groves nestled among the rocks are indeed lovely. When about 16 miles from Washington we stopped for the night. From what I have been able to observe of the conduct of young Standish

It was for the last time.

I greatly admire him. I have to day promised to go with him into Co F. I respect him most highly and I think he would be a restraint on my wayward disposition. And I am willing to trust to the nobleness and goodness of his soul in almost any situation in which we may be placed. I believe there is room for many good boys in the world. And I am happy to add him to the list of my friends.

Thursday Sept. 19th

We arrived in [illegible]

The boys were somewhat surprised to see me. The Lieut of Co D. (Hammon) had my name on the Co. roll without asking me. He was amazed when I told him I should go into F. if a choice were allowed me. I would rather go into F, with Standish than into D, with all my acquaintance there. Besides A. L. M. Decker another noble boy is going into F. The fact is I am rather too well acquainted with Co D, to have any particular desire to enter it. For I do not like Capt. Smith. I had a long gas with Charley Hughes. He gave me an account of the Battle of Bull Run. I will say that it detracts some from the glory of Capt Putnam. I believe I have a much better idea of it than I had from all accounts I had recieved before.

Friday Sept 20th

We had the "Long Roll" sounded to day. I borrowed a gun of a sick man and prepared to be ready for a fight. But it did not come off; nothing but one of old Gorman's scares for the sake of ~~having~~ having a big drill. I wrote to Jane.

Saturday Sept 21st

I wrote a letter for an old Irish man to day. The first letter I ever wrote for any one else and I sincerely hope it may be the last. It was to his wife. He would have me write a spell on a subject then on on another and another then think of something more, that he wanted to say on the first topic. thus I

*) It should be remembered that a [illegible] naturally attaches much importance to the [illegible] consequence [illegible])

produced one of the most disconnected documents I ever saw. I could have done better at ten years of age or myself I was just on the point of laughing at it when to my horror he informed me that his daughter a school Mam was to read it for his wife.
Sunday the 22d and I lay around and study Latin a little
Monday the 23d I drilled a very little.
Tuesday Sept 24th
I drilled but I have no gun yet. I wrote to Benj. Last night Young Standish and I stole out of camp and slept in a hay stack. After last nights conversation I am more pleased with him than ever. He is remarkably fond of classical literature, but his education is so much superior to mine that I fear I do not interest him much.
Wednesday Sept 25th
Standish and I had another good time at the haystack last night.
Thursday Sept 26th
I have written a long letter to Jane to-day, and had another walk and conversation with Standish, which was very pleasant indeed.
Friday Sept. 27th. On the 27th I did my first guard duty. It rained terribly; we had no straw in the guard tent; neither had I any blanket with me. ~~nevertheless~~ I slept very well. I had to laugh at an old Irishman, the same one for whom I wrote the letter the 21st. He got his gun cocked and for the life of him he did not know how to get the hammer down so he took off the cap and ~~let~~ let it down on to the tube then cocked it again to put a cap on; and finally had to call me to help him. (written on the 28)
Saturday Sept 28th
We drilled a little this forenoon. One of the boys of Co. L. died ~~this~~ to-day. His name was Wadsworth. brother of Bryden Wadsworth with whom I am slightly acquainted this is the first the Regt. has lost by disease. Co. I. is on picket to day, but having no gun, I remain in camp.

Sunday Sept 29th

I wrote to Milt to-day. The soldier who died yesterday was buried with the honors of war. The funeral procession consisted of the entire Regiment in dress uniform. The band played a most solemn dirge. We proceeded to the grave, the coffin wrapped in the stars and stripes the customary salutes were fired over the grave of the departed, then marched off quick time. I then wandered off into the woods more than a mile where with eating grapes and contemplating the beauties of nature I enjoyed myself exceedingly.

Monday Sept 30th nothing of importance transpired to day. I wrote to Mother.

Tuesday Oct 1st 1861

I have strayed farther from camp than the law permits, and here in the solitude of the woods I can, without fear of molestation, think of those whom I have left behind me. It seems to me that I am never contented only when reading a letter from or writing one to some of them. But, hold! here are two Officers, now perhaps I am in a scrape scrape. - Sold! they are but privates but they have scared all the poetry out of me. (Written in the woods)

Returning from this walk I found an old torn up love letter in which the lady was giving her hero a setting up for not writing oftener. I soon ascertained by means of the dismembered fragments that they were truly in love and judging from the hand writing, good spelling, and just punctuation I should suppose her to be a lady of refinement, He no doubt can appreciate the value of his prize. Wishing him a safe return from the war with the laurels of victory and just promotion on his brow, and that they may be united and live happily together, I bid them adieu. I am now alone in my tent the rest are all at head quarters having a grand time with the governor he being here on a visit to the Regt. I have been reading Shelley's poems some to night I cannot express my admiration of them.

* They were very particular in their discipline in those days and a soldier straying away from camp stood a good chance to be arrested.

Wednesday Oct. 2d.–
I went to Poolsville to day and a mean dirty looking village it is. Truly a fair sample of southern Chivalrous dilapidation. Had my picture taken, wrote and sent it to Fowl.
Thursday Oct 3d I drilled and read in a novel.
Oct 4th I drilled and read in a novel ("The Pretty Milk Maid") Some cannonading to day.
Saturday Oct 5th On guard to day. nothing of importance has transpired. Charley Hughes and I have good times together. Young Standish has plenty of friends so he and I are not together much. I have heard that some of the young men of Co. D. were sorely afflicted when they heard that I had come. God bless them I shall not be much trouble to them, Neither am I so passionately in love with them as to be much hurt by their want of affection for me. I am very glad I went into Co F. thus completely flanking them. In my humble Oppinion Capt Colville is as much superior to Capt Smith as the eternal Orb of day is to a tallow candle. It rained again this time of my guard duty.
Sunday Oct 6th
I wandered off into the woods and under the thick shade of some hickory trees, I laid down to muse. When lo, an old grump of a Southerner came along Offered me a dram of whiskey, I told him I did not drink. He then cast his unholy carcass on the ground and began to talk about his horses, this exactly corresponded with my poetical feelings, but I contrived to make myself so uninteresting that I soon got rid of him. He fled leaving me to my meditations. ✗✗ But this was not all. When I turned to camp an old Irishman, the same who did not know how to manage his gun, attacked me so unceremoniously about my wanderings that all my poetry fled. But Charley Hughes came to my rescue and falling into conversation with him I soon regained my equilibrium.

✗ Such is the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] to apply to those [illegible] which we imagine [illegible] [illegible].

Monday Oct 7th.

I was on guard to day and may I never have such guard duty to do again. Three negroes were arrested for stealing whiskey. Two of them were tied up to a post and kept standing in one position for four hours, they were then stripped and one recieved ten the other twenty lashes on their bare backs. Jake Chaffee another soldier of Co. B. and myself were ordered to stand and shoot them in case they should attempt to run. But I made up my mind that I would sooner shoot the infernal tyrant who ordered it than harm one hair of those poor ignorant creatures. This tyrant was Old Gorman. *

"Oh why has man the will and Power
To make his fellow mourn"

It rained again to day, and a disagreeable time I had of it.

Tuesday Oct 8th

In company with my good and interesting friend Locker I wandered off into the country to day, and I layed around the rest of the day

Wednesday Oct 9th

On picket for the 1st time in my life*

Several cannon were fired just below here in the evening. I am lying in a shed of bush beside the Potomac which has risen more than three feet since yesterday morning.) * On this first day of my picket duty I had some of the wildest notions that ever entered into the head of a human greenhorn. I suppose. When those cannon were fired I immediately loaded my gun expecting fight. I then ascended a tree to see if I could see any [illegible] on the other side of the river. not knowing that it would have been no new sight to any one acquainted with picket duty. That night when it came my turn to stand picket. I held my gun capped and cocked and was attentive to every noise no matter how insignificant. I was the most watchful sentinel I ever was in all my soldier experience, far more so than I was a few weeks afterwards when standing on the very out post in Virginia. There was not the least possible danger of the enemy crossing the river that night.

* Later Gorman was appointed Brigadier General. The story [illegible] the United States [illegible] and he [illegible]

Thursday Oct 10th

I spent the day pleasantly on picket without any extraordinary occurrence

~~Thursday~~ Friday Oct 11th

We returned from picket. It proved that the cannon which we heard on the 9th were some little howitzers with which our artillerists were experimenting.

Saturday Oct 12th

I wrote a long letter to cousin Melissa in which I gave my views of the prospect of the present war.

Sunday Oct 13th Decker and I wandered out into the country again. We found plenty of fruit and enjoyed ourselves beyond mortal comprehension. I was bound to sound him. He is as self conceited as I myself. He is a good fellow hard to get acquainted with a trait on which he prides himself.

Monday Oct 14th

We recruits have recieved our arms at last all the duty I have done prior to this date, has been done with the arms of sick men. I need a pair of pants badly, I have recieved almost everything else. A sergeant of Co. H. was accidently shot while teaching the bayonet exercise to a soldier to day. I saw him pale as death carried to the hospital, but the countenance of the poor fellow who held the gun was most pitiful to behold. There is too much carelessness in our army. I hope our new Col will put a stop to some of it in our Regt.* as he has already introduced a much more rigid discipline than formerly prevailed. His name is Dana. Gorman now commands the brigade with head quarters about 40 rods from here.

*So he did. The next day an order was issued to have all the arms in camp discharged and hereafter when men come off of guard or picket their arms shall be discharged at once.

Here my Diary leaves me it being lost from this date until the 9th of August, '63 and I must depend on letters to reclaim it.

I had heard a great deal about the hard fare with which a soldier must content himself &c. But when I came to try it I found that my stomach was not so delicate as to grumble at the best and most wholesome food I had ever found. No bread could compare with hard bread, plenty of pork and beans, dried apples, coffee, sugar, tea, molasses, vinegar, salt, dessicated potatoes, fresh beef, hominy, mixed vegetables. What was the use to complain at these camp rations? True it might be harder on a campaign. I stated these views to some of the soldiers, older in the service by three months than myself. They immediately rallied on thier military experience and on Bulls Run, telling me if I had been there, it would do for me to talk, If there is any position on earth that is disagreeable it is to be a recruit. All the older ones, be they ever so green themselves, and the greener the surer it is to be so, will assume to know more than you, even about things which you have had as good an opportunity to observe as they have. I learned by the experience of being a recruit to take the side of all future recruits, of which we had many. They never ceased to quote "Bull Run" to me, it being all they could quote, till after the battle of ~~[illegible]~~ & Fair Oaks. Let a recruit but repeat a report which he has heard and he is at once lectured for being green enough to believe such report; even though he has merely told it as a thing which he had heard without once insinuating that he believed it. But to return to army rations while I am on the subject. On the march we recieve what we call "Field Rations" consisting of hard bread, and meat, coffee, and sugar; Subsequent to the times of which I am speaking, Sour crout, Pickels, onions, and pepper were added to our rations, and I believe in still latter days, cod fish are issued. having now devoted a page to this matter I will proceed with

my narrative, The ~~sec~~ second time I went on picket I
thought it behooved me to secure a prize from some "Secesh"
accordingly after watching around for some time, I managed to
seize a goose, I immediately made for a place where the canal
crossed a creek just at this archway my retreat came near
being cut off by a man, a dog, and an old woman, I had
to drop my prize ~~but I should be repaid [illegible]~~ and I [illegible]
Some of the boys got hold of my failure and enlarged on
it, and finaly had quite a joke on me for a few weeks; but
some of the worst ones getting caught fairly stealing Molasses, their
batteries were fairly silenced, and when they named goose, all I
had to do was to mention molasses,
On the 20th of Oct. a little after noon the long roll was sounded
and we were soon under arms and marched down to Edwards
Ferry. A ~~few~~ few shell were thrown across the river and
Co E, of our Regt crossed in a flat boat to the other side
of the river. After remaining a short time they came back
and we returned to camp, (About two miles distant). We
had orders to be ready to march by daylight the next
morning. Accordingly we left camp at an early hour
on the morning of the 21st and were soon at the river
after some delay we began crossing over to Virginia. Scarcely
two companies had crossed when word came that Col Bakers
~~at~~ Column which was crossing at Balls Bluff five miles
~~at~~ up the river were within one mile of Leesburg and
we were therefore hurried forward as fast as the crossing
in two little flat boats and a skiff would we afforded
We had not got more than two Regts. across when ~~the~~ we
heard the battle open at Balls Bluff. We could distinctly
see the shells bursting, but no orders came for us to move.
We might easily have attacked the enemy in the flank,
but for some gross mismanagement. As it was, the little
force at Balls Bluff was nearly annihilated while we lying within five
miles [illegible] did nothing. That night we commenced recrossing.
this was continued until about Midnight when the order was countermanded
and the troops that had crossed back to Md, were soon return

ing to Va. A heavy rain now set in and we stood around in wet clothing until the next evening about five oclock when Co I of our Regt had orders to skirmish through the woods. When they were right at the edge of the woods the enemy opened on them very suddenly from only a few paces distant. There being an entire line of battle of rebels in the woods the company retreated as fast a possible. When a company of sharp-shooters opened on the enemy they having pursued Co. I out on to the open ground. Besides this a section of Ricketts Battery opened on them and they were quickly repulsed. One of Co I was wounded and brought to the rear another was shot and left. the more than brutal traitors bayoneted the wounded. Maj* -Genl Lander was also wounded in the leg from which he partially recovered, but died in February following. It is believed the wound hastened his death. After dark our Company was ordered on picket. We approached near the woods whence Co I had been driven, and it was so dark one could scarcely see a man three paces in the open ground. Judge then how it must be in a dense woods. There an officer rode up and asked for twelve volunteers to skirmish the woods. Without waiting for volunteers Our Capt ordered the 1st Platoon forward. I being in that platoon we entered the woods keeping our groups of fours together we passed through the woods the enemy having abandoned the place. We formed connections with 6 Companies of the 16th Ind. which had been cut off from the army for several hours and it was a wonder that the enemy did not attack and capture the whole of them. In the morning we went to a house a little way off where we found a rebel soldier ~~dangerously~~ mortally wounded. He was a boy not more than 16 years of age, remarkably handsome, no doubt will long be mourned by his people. He died the next morning. We found another dead in another house but a short distance off. The next night about 1 o'clock, being the 24th of Oct. we were ordered in and retired over the river and behold all the army but the pickets had

* This was [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] of [illegible]

retired to the other side of the river.* Our Regt. was the last to cross. Genl Stone being the last man on the boat and Col Dana the next. So ended the Balls Bluff blunder. During this four days campaign the lumbermen of our Regt were employed to the number of 300 in managing the boats winning from Genl Banks the high compliment. "They are the salvation of the Corps!" After this there were no more operations worthy of note during the Autumn and winter of ,61. The time was spent in drilling and building winter Quarters. In those days I was very full of the poetical idea of reforming the world, hence I suppose it was that I much admired Shelley's poetry, for poetry it certainly is: (too much so, in truth.) I find on reading the letters that I wrote at that time I had some very wild fancies which have melted away before the stern light of experience. During the winter I went so far as to prophesy the fall of the republic. Then again in the spring a little success made me prophesy the end of the war within a year. But in this I was far more temperate than most of my acquaintences, for many of them were going home to celebrate the 4th of July. How wilde we were.) One great cause why I dispaired of the country was because I had formed an idea from reading Plutarch that a true soldier embodied all that is manly; that he totally dispised luxury and show, and that he never complained at the hardest fare, wheras I saw in our army a pettish disposition, complaining and whining like little girls for mere trifles. I saw that show parade and what we call style was what most of the officers and men esteemed as the most necessary requisites to good soldiers. This disgusted me and shook my faith in the success of our cause. Another

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* It was very cold and windy on this last night of our stay in Virginia,

reason why I feared for the country was the case [illegible] of those arch traitors Mason and Sidell. I would have been willing to have accepted this as an humble military necessity; but when I beheld the whole country rejoicing over it as of a great victory, then indeed I said this people are not worthy of liberty and therefore will not [illegible] it. Secretary Seward* the base coward was lauded as a great hero. Moreover, I [illegible] the universal corruption of all classes in the eastern states. These facts taken together with the tardiness of the government to recognize the rights of the African race, threw a gloom over my mind which I found it very difficult to dispel. I [illegible] to devote myself to the war long or short and if the nation did die, I was determined it should not be my fault. These opinions which I held and which I

*At the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ laying of the corner stone of the national Cemetery ~~and~~ at Gettysburg Seward took occasion to boast of his "Irrepressable conflict." now I wish to say that he basely surrendered that noble position at the out break of the rebelion. Any thing to avert the war. "Carry your slaves where you please only save our cowardly heads," if these are not the words they are the substance of his position at that time. "I would rather be a dog and bay the moon than such an American." I would rather, had I been in his position at the time of the Trent affair have used the language of the [illegible] Buckner in response to Genl Grant's demand for unconditional surrender, "The peculiar disposition of my forces compels me to accept the ungenerous and unchivalrous terms which you propose." than to have basely argued out that the British course was the just one. And the nation should have accepted this as a humiliation instead of a cause for rejoicing. Seward may be personaly brave but he is a national coward, and a brazen faced [illegible].

took evry occasion to preach to others made me many enemies when I first entered the service. But I believe I also made friends of another class by the same means. My disposition is not half way conservatism, and I have no desire that it should be so. I am radical in my nature and I am glad of it. This same spirit has often caused me to be accused of hero worship. I confess that when I do admire any one I am liable to the mistake of landing ~~them~~ him to the skies. Whereas no human being will bear praise beyond a certain degree. I carry my dislikes in a similar manner entirely too far. But it is time to return to my narrative.

About this time (November 26th) I received notice of my brother Benjamins death. I was in rather poor health my self at the time and the sad news went very hard with me.

I had in those days a very poetical idea of drill and discipline [illegible] it was absolutely necessary to [illegible]

[illegible] ornamental [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] we [illegible]

[illegible] Town where we took cars [illegible]

[illegible] our train [illegible]

[illegible]

On the following day we moved on and encamped near the old rebel camp appropriately named Camp Misery. The ground here is so low and flat that the water will not run off and as it rained almost incessantly during the 5 days we remained here ~~there~~ our situation can better be imagined than described. No effort on our part could render us comfortable as we had no means at that time of raising our tents and beds from the ground. I doubt not we might have been more comfortable than we were had we been more experienced. But as it was we were wretched again. On the 16th we moved up close to the enemy's works formed our lines and opened the siege. Here our duty was heavy enough; on picket every other day, and on detail nearly all the rest of the time. We built hundreds of miles of corduroy roads built forts threw up works. It rained ~~at~~ daily and disease was already ~~ravaging~~ thinning our ranks. On the morning of the 4th of May I was one of a large fatigue party engaged hewing timber for a mortar battery designated ~~as~~ battery No 8. We had just commenced work when the chief of engineers rode up and told us that our work was completed the enemy having [illegible] their [illegible] during the night. We returned to head quarters left our tools And by the time we reached our regts. they were all under arms And preparing to march. Gen. Jameson's brigade was already in the enemy's works. And in a few minutes we were also in the rebel camps. Here we found plenty of bacon, beans, flour, camp equippage, and every species of ugly knife for which the chivalry of the South have ever entertained so warm an affection. They had entered the army with the belief in their that they could bully the northern soldiers with these knives as they had been accustomed to bully our cowardly congressmen of yore. But a few weeks listening to the screaming of shells and the whistling of minnie balls had convinced th[illegible]

here, whether it was a common [illegible] with [illegible] weapons in the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the weapons [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Thus [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] the many [illegible] which this war has taught [illegible]. We likewise found several letters [illegible] [illegible] addressed to [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had placed torpedoes [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] our [illegible] last [illegible] [illegible]. On the Morning of the 5th Our advance came up with the Rebs at Williamsburg and a battle [illegible] in which the rebels [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] until [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to retreat. We embarked on transports May 6th and on the 7th arrived and landed at West Point there we found Franklin's Division [illegible] engaged with the enemy. We landed and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the support of [illegible] [illegible] Artillery. The enemy [illegible] out a battery and opened on our shipping in York River. The gunboats replied sending their heavy metal with such effect that the rebel battery was soon silenced. [illegible] the same time our infantry [illegible] in repulsing the rebel attack [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the battle of West Point. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the ground [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had driven the enemy's battery on the 7th [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] an [illegible] to [illegible] the power of heavy Artillery. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]. One had [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] tree about eight inches in diameter, [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] up, and [illegible] it down about 10 feet [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ~~and~~ [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] against [illegible] [illegible], this was done at a range of [illegible] [illegible] three miles. [illegible] [illegible] the rebels could [illegible] [illegible] ground.

After remaining at West point a few days we moved a few miles up the Pagamunky River. We encamped on a large plantation. Exceedingly beautiful are the green meads, the lordly bower at the base, the vineyards and orchards, around this ancient homestead. Bounded on three sides by dense pine forests, while on the other flows the Pamunkey whose various windings might rival Meander itself. I visited the old family burying ground, copied some of the inscriptions [illegible] I am [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] give them here.

On the 16th of May I had my first taste of the [illegible] hardship of a [illegible] life. After [illegible] found the [illegible] in a soaking rain we were compelled to act as rear guard during the day. The army moved only about 12 miles; but the rain continued during the entire day. The mud was very deep. In places however we found bottom at a depth of not more than four inches; this was a great misfortune, for said bottom was about as hard and smooth as ice. Of course we would slip and fall in the super-stratum of mud. When some [illegible] who had not the "milk of human kindness" in his heart (nor in fact any other kind of milk in his stomach) would exclaim: "Another map of the State of Virginia." ten to one but he would fall himself while jeering his unfortunate comrade. Before night the entire Corps became stragglers, and [illegible] the rear guard it was our duty to keep them up as well as we could. Our guard became scattered itself. At last we wallowed, rather than walked into camp.* We camped in the forest, and laid over the next day.

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* I could not pass this subject by without remarking on the sweet sleep which I enjoyed that night. Laying down in our wet and muddy clothes with no shelter save what was afforded by our gum blankets we enjoyed a slumber the like of which no "Lord of wontonness and ease" ever tasted on bed of softest down. And, by the way, I will here remark that a green grass plat is the nicest bed man ever enjoyed. Byron understood this when he said: "Ours the green turf and not the feverish bed."

[illegible] left [illegible] place on the 10th of May, [illegible] only a few miles and camped in a wheat field. Leaving this, [illegible] we passed through [illegible] Kent C. H. which in truth is nothing but a court house and jail, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are. [illegible] there is one object of interest upon the [illegible] immediate vicinity [illegible]. I allude to an Oak tree. I have seen several large oaks. That [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Nothing but the magnificent spread of its branches. We all agreed that it could not be less than 100 feet from the extremities of one limb to the extremities of its opposite neighbor. The top seemed really [illegible] an umbrella. Its leaves and branches were very thick forming a delightful shade in which our entire [illegible] 800 [illegible] while they [illegible] the [illegible]. Staid [illegible] camped in a wheatfield. Here it was that the boys of our regt first began that [illegible] afterward was brought to great perfection, viz. making pipes of [illegible] root. Upon this amusement of the soldiers I just [illegible] may be allowed the expression, [illegible] sentiment, "the pipe of peace," is carved [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]." The news of [illegible] papers that our Army would enter Richmond before the 1st of June, [illegible] dawned but [illegible] [illegible] was quickly [illegible] by the steady [illegible] of the editors of the N. Y. Herald. [illegible] I must say it was not [illegible] the Herald [illegible] [illegible] made the [illegible]. And [illegible] that [illegible] the Herald [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] upon McClellan often. McClellan could accomplish in a few days it [illegible] [illegible] letter to that [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] general and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] and finally [illegible] against the [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible], and shook the [illegible] of the European monarchies, in the remarkable short space of [illegible]. Our soldiers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quite so badly infatuated as to accompany [illegible] Bennett on his Quixotic expeditions! But I have [illegible] [illegible] that there never was a general equal to [illegible]. But I must return to my story.

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] honored with the title of General for his [illegible] strategy, tactics, [illegible] and Engineering skill. But [illegible] [illegible] him as a [illegible] Knight. [illegible] I have permitted [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

On the morning of the 19th we struck tents at an early hour. The rising sun gave us warning of an excessively hot day with which prospect we were by no means delighted. This day, while it was yet morning and very [illegible] was pleasant we passed the church where 'tis said our great Washington acknowledged Hymens right to rule supreme over the lives of men. It was an [illegible] that the ancient structure upon the [illegible] the road on either side [illegible] near ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] woods is lined with a double row of [illegible] cedars. while to the south west [illegible] a great forest of oak. It seemed not this forest was [illegible] little pines [illegible] and [illegible] oak and all [illegible] as their [illegible] [illegible]. The church itself was in a remarkable good state of preservation. It was a brick building with a high spire of no great pretensions [illegible] was small, [illegible] neat and tastefully constructed. If my memory serves I would say that it was of Gothic style, but there was but very little architectural display in its construction. It was not long after we had passed the church before ~~[illegible]~~ the rays of the sun began to tell on our frames in a most ~~[illegible]~~ pitiless manner. The weakers ones were falling out, and the perspiration was [illegible] from every pore of the stronger. Many fainted; some died. We did not march very far, but there were several things which we had not then learned, and we suffered accordingly. Our knapsacks had many things in them which were superfluous. I lightened mine this day by throwing away an overcoat. About 3 oclock P.M. we camped near the Richmond and York River Rail Road, 14 miles from Richmond. Here whiskey rations were issued, and the consequence was that several of the men got drunk. The ration was not large enough to intoxicate a man. But here the avarice of some men pandered to the appetites of others thus we had our [illegible]sellers and rum drinkers. I think the whiskey ration if a plan could possibly be devised to govern it properly would do no harm; but on the contrary under certain circumstances might do a great

[illegible] * [illegible] which could it [illegible] [illegible] inspection [illegible] the [illegible]. But it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] it [illegible] night. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Commission [illegible] in [illegible] company. [illegible] did [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there would [illegible]. In the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible] and it [illegible] in a fit condition to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the present. From this camp we moved to a place called Tylers Farm about [illegible] miles from Richmond, We remained here several days Here it [illegible] as a result of the whiskey ration our Orderly Sgt was reduced to the ranks, [illegible] [illegible] to build a bridge across the Chickahominy, we [illegible] in mud and water [illegible] frequently waist deep [illegible]. [illegible] the sound of Battle at [illegible] Court House, [illegible] day we were on the move to support [illegible] which had [illegible] out [illegible] was no more fighting and so we returned to our old Camp [illegible] 30. About noon on the 31st we heard [illegible] on the [illegible] of the Chickahominy. We soon received orders to be ready to march with one [illegible] days rations and our [illegible] blankets [illegible] we were on the move and were soon at the bridge which [illegible] thrown across the stream, and which was two miles from our Camp. Here Gen. Sumner received orders to march [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and it was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Corps [illegible] across the stream [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Our [illegible] in advance of the [illegible] and as soon as we [illegible] across the stream [illegible] Sumner [illegible]

* [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]

and ordered him ~~so~~ to move forward with all possible haste, the order was obeyed we passed onward, part of the time at double quick pace. We soon began to meet stragglers each of which was invariably the only or about the only man of his dept which was left. We moved on a little farther and began to meet wounded men they usually spoke modestly, that the battle was going rather against us and we were needed badly ~~and~~ on the field. Col Sully [illegible] halted to load. After we were loaded he gave us this much instruction, ~~about~~ "Men I want you to fire low." His voice was not raised seemingly above his common talk. Yet from that day until the end of the war I believe I never fired my gun without thinking of his words. We again resumed a rapid pace and soon arrived at the scene of action. We had now got the start of our brigade some distance. We were met by Gen Abercrombie, and ordered to the right. We now moved at [illegible] double quick. We soon arrived at our proper station it was in a wheat field. The enemy were already emerging from the woods on the opposite side. The Col. ordered us forward as if he would attack them. There was a gap at that time of not less than eighty rods between ~~us~~ ~~and~~ our left and the extreme right of the rest of the army. When they saw us they fell back into the woods and our Col. ordered us to lay down; this order we were very willing to obey for two reasons — Safety, and rest. We could now see the enemy moving to the left. But before they could complete their arrangements for cutting us off from the rest of the army our brigade had arrived. ~~[illegible]~~ two regts of Abercrombies brigade were ordered to move to the right and form connections with our right. This manouvre was ~~not~~ nearly accomplished when the rebels appeared at edge of the woods and poured a volley upon them. they immediately fronted and returned the fire. I noticed

that their first volley mainly went towards the tops of the woods. But after that they stood and fought for nearly two hours without seeming to stir out of their tracks. This was the longest stand-up and fight that I ever saw; and what was more strange although the line in open ground, their loss was very small. Soon after the enemy [illegible] which the left of this fight [illegible] and captured a lieutenant and sergeant and sent back [illegible] other prisoners. One man, in our Company, (which was on the right) was shot by a stray ball; it entered his forehead and passed entirely through his head. He died next morning. His name was Nicholas Hammer[?] a Dane. He had served six years in Europe, and had participated in a number of battles. Another man was wounded which was all the entire loss of our Regt. It was nearly dark when the enemy were last repulsed. We lay on our arms in line of battle during the night. But there was no other demonstration made by the enemy until about 9 A.M. when they made a feeble attack on our center but were easily repulsed, and pursued for some distance, towards the walls[?] of Fair Oaks. One good joke connected with this battle was that some of the Richmond ladies came out in their carriages with their ladies to see the Yankees driven into the Chickahominy but they [illegible] and all in a hurry the "ruthless" invaders, and [illegible] citizens, [illegible] and keep at a respectable distance from battle fields, unless you go to be useful in some way or other; for, if you go to see the elephant [illegible] you will get a [illegible] your [illegible]. No [illegible] can admire your idle curiosity which only is an insult to the men who are doing the bloody work, and you will receive little sympathy from them in any misfortune which may befall you when you are [illegible] out of your place. I do not mean to say that citizens might not do a great deal of good by assisting in caring for the sick or taking a wounded

fighting, but, I do say, unless they intend to do something more useful better to keep away.
We lay under arms during the day, but the enemy made no further demonstration. We now began to construct breastworks and were soon well fortified. On the 3rd of June I went back to the old camp, found that our bridge had floated away, and I was compelled to wade through sand and water for nearly half mile, this put me to reflecting on what might have been the result had the enemy attacked 24 hours later, most likely they would have ruined our army, And now for the first time I began to reason on the thousand instances in life where we see every-thing depending on very slight circumstances, I did not then call it Providence, but fate, And I would often quote "There is a tide in the affairs of men,
"Which taken at its flood; leads on to fortune"
But I never quoted another which I now deem more appropriate and therefore use it. "There is a Providence which shapes our ends;
Rough hew them as we will."
I shall have plenty of opportunities to show where my life or the lives of some of my comrades have been spared in a manner which would seem almost miraculous. And as it is with individuals so it is with nations, The result of a battle; nay, often of a war, may hang on the slightest circumstance. We continued to fortify our position; building strong breast works and cutting down the timber in front; until no enemy, however strong, could have broken our lines in a direct assault But when the enemy had reinforced sufficiently of course nothing was to hinder them from flanking us, and this he effectually accomplished a few weeks later. The enemy soon contracted the disagreeable habit of shelling us two or three times a day, moreover, they would attack our pickets at night so that we were by no means certain of a good nights repose. Our regt. was relieved from picket duty

because they could use ~~an~~ ~~the~~ ax better than the eastern men. We were in a very unhealthy location this, was in part owing to the late battle and in part to the low swampy nature of the ground. Many were sick and I confess I was not very well able to labor cutting timber. But, I was green enough to think it was a military necessity and was very well contented so long as I could see any use in all this cutting and digging. But, after I saw our fortifications were so strong, that no number of enemies could possibly [illegible] carry them; I acknowledge, I grew a little impatient, however ~~[illegible]~~ I said nothing to my comrades, nor did I write any complaints home. Toil by day, and little rest by night, in an unhealthy country, can it be a wonder that many sickened and died while the underbrush grew thin and malarial? [illegible] up in a hard day, we [illegible], perhaps in the army we ~~[illegible]~~ hardly laid [illegible] down at night in much needed repose, but, hark! a gun another, another, in quick succession and with ~~[illegible]~~ constantly increasing rapidity the pickets of deadly weapons call every man to arms. Just as we are fairly in ranks the cannon open their brazen throats. The firing ceases instantly; One would think that these great monsters rule the lesser imps with imperial sway, that they have commanded silence and no one dares disobey. They speak a few times more as if scolding their underlings in their disorderly conduct and all is still. We retire again but the ~~spirit~~ go through the same routine, [illegible], is the [illegible] of him.

"He who sleeps with hand upon ~~the~~ sword,
His [illegible] hand must grasp in waking."

While we lay at Fair Oaks one man was killed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was all the [illegible] in our regt. with the exception of one who was killed by a mistake of the 44 New York regt on picket in the night. M. B. [illegible] after the battle.

On the 25th of June Gen. Heintzelman moved, onward and drove the enemy before him to within 3 miles of Richmond but fell back immediately. This did not come under my observation but as I have heard it, certain it is that he made an advance and approached nearer to the Capital than any other commander reached on that campaign.
On the afternoon of the 26th the great battle opened on our right. Consisting of Porter's, and Franklin's Corps, which were on the opposite side of the Chickahominy, and were advanced up the stream a few miles farther than we were. The firing of the Artillery was heavy and rapid lasting until after dark. Then came a report of victory. We had hitherto been under orders to keep strict silence so that there had not been a musical instrument heard during the month. But now the bands struck up the patriotic airs, and loud and long Hurrahs made the forests ring. The rebel bands also opened, and their soldiers screamed and yelled after the manner for which they are noted. There is this difference between the noise made by the two parties. The cheer of a northern soldier is a coarse heavy Hurrah! while that of a southern is a fine scream more like the voice of a women, and when they charge they make a similar noise. There is nothing more provoking than this in an enemy, especially when they have the best of the bargain and are screaming in pursuit.
Early on the morning of the 27th the battle was renewed and we discovered to our surprise and sorrow that our forces had retreated [illegible] four miles during the night and were now just opposite us. We could distinctly see the battle raging. We could see our infantry advance at one time and retreat at another. Then the rebels advance and

and retreat in like manner. We could see the firing [illegible] the artil[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], this was a day of awful suspense, and a deep gloom [illegible] like a pall over the countenances of the soldiers. [illegible] it was well known that we were being worsted. About [illegible] reinforcements moved from our flank to support the right. Night came at last, ~~and~~ the soldiers ~~at~~ were required to lay on their arms at the breastworks. On the morning of the 28th I was [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], the head comm-issary was a short distance in the direction of the bridge across the Chickahominy, which had been reconstructed, what was my surprise! to find Porter's and Franklin's corps drawn up in line battle on our side of the stream and at a right ~~an~~ angle with our lines, Batteries unlimbered, and looking directly toward the old bridge which had been destroyed behind our retreating column. There was no room to doubt that [illegible] [illegible] had [illegible] our right flank; [illegible] [illegible] across the stream; and were now between us and our base of opperations. But a happy thought struck me, our army is now massed on one side of the Chickahominy; It is on the same side that Richmond is; our General will now order a charge on the rebel works we will carry them; enter the rebel capital; and cut Lee's army ~~[illegible]~~ off from all supports and supplies; we will then attack him and compell his surrender. This was all [illegible] nice to talk about and think about but would probably have met opposition in its execution. I believe however I was not alone in this happy expedient, As one of our Generals afterward stated before the "Committee on the conduct of the war" that he expected nothing less on the morning of the 29th than a grand assault on the enemies works. But it seems strange to

[illegible] but [illegible], [illegible] had no [illegible] of knowing [illegible] to make [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] not [illegible] that the whole [illegible] 28th was spent in preparation for a retreat, I [illegible] [illegible] opinion before noon of the 28th. [illegible] having [illegible] Camp in ~~the~~ about noon (there was a brisk artillery duel going on), A case shot exploded just in the right position to drop its leaden contents [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] us, My comrade, who was with me, was just missed by more than half dozen balls, and they fell around me in like manner, And here are a few strange circumstances connected with this same soldier, whose name was Marion Heath and myself, Every battle which we entered my file leaders were either killed or wounded until he would stand for my file leader, And the first time he went into battle as my file leader he was wounded. This was at Gettysburg on the 2d of ~~Ju~~ July and he was the only man in our company which was wounded on that day. After we arrived in camp we lay down behind the ~~[illegible]~~ breast-works, I noticed that my feet were more exposed than they would be if they were drawn up closer to the works I therefore drew them up just in time to save one of them from a piece of ~~[illegible]~~ shell about an inch square which struck just where it had laid a minute before, The rebels moved out and attacked Smith's Division which joined ours on the right its own right laying on the Chickahominy. They were repulsed with severe loss and afterwards seemed inclined to be quiet until we should be ready to leave our works of our own ~~accord~~ accord. We got very little sleep that night, and before day light we were on the move retreating towards the James River. When we arrived at a place known as the Peach Orchard we were hastily drawn up, and had a little [illegible] with the [illegible] our brigade was not actively engaged but supported one of our batteries a few shell fell amongst us

but I believe no one was hurt. I cannot tell exactly what divisions engaged the enemy but Kearnies was one. The ... were repulsed. We retreated to Savage Station. The weather was so very warm that many of the soldiers fainted from the intensity of the heat. At Savage Station there was immense stores of ammunition, rations and hospital ~~stores~~ supplies. These were set on fire. It seemed to take the enemy some time to resolve to attack us here. The field in which our division was massed was near three fourths of a mile ~~in~~ square. At length the rebels run out a battery and opened on us. This battery was stationed on the north ~~eastern~~ western corner of the field and were in the southeastern corner a battery of 10 pounder rifled guns replied with such spirit that the rebel battery was silenced in less than five minutes. The infantry on both sides now advanced and met in the woods just at the western end of the field And a short but bloody battle ensued our Company lost 18 men killed and wounded the enemy were repulsed losing one General (Griffin I think) At the first onset the 106 Pennsylvania which was just on the right of our Regt. broke and fled in the wildest confusion leaving our flank exposed but we did not yield an inch of ground. And other reliable troops soon came to our assistance. The brush was so thick in the woods that I did not see a single enemy during the battle, but when it had terminated we found rebels within 40 feet of our lines. After dark we withdrew from Savage Station and marched nearly all the remainder of the night. After crossing the White Oak swamp we took about two hours rest. I must here remark how we suffered on this nights march for water the roads were dusty, and it is a fact well known to any

cted, [illegible] that a battle will create [illegible] quicker
than any thing else, As soon as it was [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] again on the move but waiting for the trains [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] had not marched more than five miles [illegible]
one o'clock. The enemy were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in two places, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] double quick back a distance of [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] had
not [illegible] than arrived on the ground [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] double quick [illegible] [illegible]
marching [illegible] miles at double quick time, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] that when we arrived on the ground we could not have [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] a place known as Charles City Cross Roads. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Gen. Sumner ~~[illegible]~~ rode up to [illegible] regt [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] us: "If I send [illegible] [illegible] into [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] expect to see it come out," [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meant by this remark, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] that [illegible] would be annihilated, but
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had a
[illegible] [illegible] woods, [illegible] had all been driven [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] that we would remain and check the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] just then came into the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] advanced across the field to its support [illegible]
[illegible] arrived at the edge of the woods, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in the wildest disorder. I should [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in the air [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] wounded in [illegible] feet [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and lay down, It was now [illegible] dark and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] regt was advancing on [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] a foot. We had not a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of this rest through the woods [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] division

[illegible]

were hardly [illegible]
[illegible] Magruder [illegible]
Which [illegible] the plain [illegible]"
And yet [illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] like [illegible] should [illegible] the
[illegible]. A what was [illegible]
[illegible] caused the defeat of the [illegible] of
[illegible]. The battle [illegible]
the night [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] (word) [illegible] it might have [illegible] that
[illegible] had Burnside [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] it is
a question [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] July) The [illegible]
[illegible] Harrisons [illegible]
to Harrisons [illegible] right [illegible]. Here we [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] his [illegible] took a [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]
to [illegible] a [illegible] As we had
[illegible] Seven [illegible]
[illegible]
we had picked up [illegible] Hill [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
with these we [illegible] a lot of [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]. We [illegible] the 3rd of
July. When [illegible]
[illegible] a piece [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] returned [illegible]
[illegible] as [illegible]
[illegible] but that was not [illegible] disposition
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Clara [illegible] C. H.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] could not [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and their [illegible]
[illegible]
month we went into winter quarters after the Battle of
Fredricksburg. [illegible] 13th [illegible]
the C. H. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Public [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Among
[illegible] one [illegible] a negroe [illegible] was [illegible]
[illegible] and this was a proper [illegible]
[illegible] his [illegible]. One [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] battle [illegible] On the morn of the 1st of Sept [illegible]
[illegible] X [illegible]
and that night marched the entire night, [illegible]
a little while in the morning Sept 3d and [illegible] the
line of battle after which we went on picket.
We were now near Fair Fax C.H. Near the [illegible] were
the lamented Kearny fell on the previous day. We
[illegible] the [illegible] about 4 o'clock P.M. When we
[illegible] off towards the defenses of Washington, [illegible]
had but just started when the enemy's Cavalry came
out on the open ground in pursuit. They [illegible]
firing on our rear with two pieces of [illegible]
[illegible] about two miles Our regt with two pieces
of a Rhode Island battery being in the [illegible] Col.
[illegible] convenient woods Col Sully [illegible] the [illegible]
had now been reinforced by nearly all the stragglers, [illegible]
waited behind a fence in the edge of the woods until
our two pieces went to the rear and gained a good
position by this the rebel Cavalry were within a [illegible]
distance just out of musket range, not [illegible]
[illegible] us on they wheeled their guns in [illegible]
[illegible] on us. Col. Sully now gave orders for
us to disperse and run. we did so in the wildest
confusion imaginable. [illegible]
stricken, But they knew little of their [illegible] situation
~~Then~~ When we had reached the open ground [illegible]
battery. Our Cols voice rang out "Fall in men"!
[illegible] was [illegible] and in [illegible] minutes [illegible]
[illegible] man was in his place the two pieces of artillery
were planted in the road. [illegible]

(1) When we arrived at [illegible]ville there were but 180 [illegible]
[illegible] belonged to the regt [illegible]
[illegible] present than any [illegible] in the corps.

[illegible]

[illegible]
and [illegible] given and [illegible]
was [illegible] Thomas
[illegible]
[illegible] the river [illegible]
[illegible] Maryland. [illegible]
[illegible] Rockville. [illegible] Camp was
[illegible] Camp [illegible]
[illegible] Gen. McClellan was again
appointed to the Command of the Army, [illegible]
[illegible] President [illegible]
[illegible] favorite [illegible]
[illegible] as a historical [illegible]
[illegible] perhaps [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] position, and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] left [illegible]
[illegible] like [illegible] as I have written it, [illegible]
[illegible] whether [illegible]
not [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] McClellan took [illegible]
[illegible] the battle of Antietam that [illegible]
[illegible] out and went to the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Gettysburg [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] ... [illegible] ... the [illegible] ... [illegible] ... thrilled [illegible] ... "[illegible] it [illegible]"

"Oh," [illegible] War, [illegible] ... [illegible] again [illegible] ... Come [illegible] to desecrate our [illegible]; to [illegible] habitations of our people; [illegible] ... [illegible]! I [illegible] with [illegible] and with [illegible] hands [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] smoke [illegible] thick and [illegible] on the [illegible] of the [illegible], and [illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible] into a deep [illegible] we [illegible] ... [illegible] ... beneath the [illegible], [illegible] ... [illegible] at the [illegible] of [illegible] ... and [illegible] ... [illegible] From the [illegible] of the [illegible] we [illegible] ... just as the firing ceased [illegible] ... [illegible] and [illegible] ...

A [illegible] ... 13 miles [illegible] ... and when we were [illegible] mountains ([illegible] ... we could [illegible] hear the [illegible], but when we were not more than a mile from the field [illegible] we could not hear a [illegible], [illegible] is a [illegible] ... [illegible] atmosphere and in the situation [illegible] ... the first day of the battle of [illegible] ... we could not hear a [illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... were heard [illegible] 115 miles distant. [illegible] ... cannon [illegible] ... [illegible] ... in [illegible] ... [illegible] ...

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], and because he is [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he was [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it was [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of [illegible].

We [illegible] moved on in pursuit of the [illegible]
[illegible] was picking up many stragglers. At
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] night when we came up to the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Chattanooga Creek
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Gen. Hooker [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Creek [illegible] a position [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at 2 P.M. [illegible] The attack was not made [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this camp that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] camp. One of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] it and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] appreciated [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] until he came to [illegible] me. [illegible]
[illegible] that he had [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] us. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] me, [illegible]
[illegible], but [illegible]
[illegible]. But as I could not go with [illegible]
[illegible] with me. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] us. He [illegible]
The spirit of [illegible] people, [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible]. There are certain [illegible] there are, no individual
[illegible] could appreciate
[illegible] (except [illegible]) [illegible]
[illegible] good and which [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] like [illegible] this; [illegible]
[illegible] find [illegible]
[illegible] glad that the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].
[illegible] the [illegible] next [illegible]
[illegible] the next day [illegible]
[illegible] direction [illegible]. The [illegible] night [illegible]
[illegible] Allen,
[illegible] Henry Linden) And [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. The [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] Hospital was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I went to the hospital and [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible]!!! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible] [illegible] We marched [illegible] and [illegible] position near [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] advancing [illegible] [illegible] were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] made [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 5th [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the town [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] advancing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] expelling the [illegible] from the town. This was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had not [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] were [illegible] the city.

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x) This [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Michigan 42 [illegible] [illegible] 11th and [illegible] Massachusetts.

The [illegible] Chevaliers [illegible]
[illegible]." And [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible],
[illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] carried [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Hill. [illegible]
[illegible] of "Campbells [illegible]" [illegible]
a [illegible] of Rome," [illegible]
[illegible] of Blairs Lectures, [illegible]
[illegible] for a few years [illegible]." The musical [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] piano [illegible]
[illegible] beat with the butt of a [illegible]
Whisky, wine, ale, beer, and [illegible],
[illegible] men [illegible]
[illegible] for the ball" as violins were [illegible]
[illegible], And when our disguised ladies were [illegible], were
[illegible] Ladies [illegible]
[illegible] and waiters alike were drunk [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible] begins. O! C! Mortal [illegible]
[illegible] as [illegible]
[illegible] when [illegible] right to rest [illegible]
[illegible], Witch, Ghost, or Devil, [illegible]
[illegible]; it could always [illegible]
[illegible] time when even the [illegible]

such as we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] have [illegible] supposed [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible]
[illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] A [illegible] Company [illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible] Caps" [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
in [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Farewell of [illegible]. And [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]) [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] "is [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] this, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] window [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]," [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] perfect [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] St Clair and
[illegible] farewell, Father [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] what I have written will
[illegible] that [illegible] not entitled to rank as "[illegible]
[illegible] barbarians? If any man says we are not, I say
he has been misinformed as to the nature of a barbarian.
I have not written the [illegible] part, [illegible]
[illegible] conversation, [illegible] part of the
[illegible]. [illegible] this, [illegible] I suppose [illegible]
[illegible] was. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible], And when I came [illegible]
[illegible] it will be seen that [illegible] performance [illegible]
[illegible] for further experience. [illegible], [illegible] returned and
[illegible] out [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible], all [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] is a picket
[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] a little
[illegible] a [illegible] and [illegible],
[illegible] "Death [illegible]!"

before,

~~to face~~

After [illegible] the [illegible] was [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] point [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] opened [illegible] [illegible] us [illegible] close [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] great [illegible] and we could [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] us, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] deem it worth [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] commenced, [illegible] us [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the 121st Pennsylvania [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] us, [illegible] in [illegible] was [illegible] crawling along as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] came along with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to pick him up and carry him off the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] great surprise he jumped up and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], some of the boys [illegible] declined [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ridge but cleared it at a single [illegible],

[illegible] turned [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 17th [illegible]

[illegible] 18th [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Thus [illegible] most disastrous

[illegible] war [illegible] 14 [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] sick [illegible] hospital [illegible] miserable [illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] made [illegible]

with [illegible]

[illegible] have [illegible] while I [illegible]

[illegible] whole [illegible] two [illegible] in June 1865

[illegible] which [illegible] 21st [illegible] again to

[illegible] again, [illegible]

[illegible], and the [illegible]

[illegible], which [illegible]

months were [illegible], [illegible] I was [illegible]

[illegible] against the [illegible]

[illegible] miserable [illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible] over it, a fire place dug out in one side with a [illegible] [illegible] it. In this place [illegible] and I spent my leisure time, playing chess, reading and analyzing [illegible] Lectures, Studying [illegible] Analysis of the English Language. We also read [illegible] Pleasures of Hope and [illegible]. I have not spoken of a [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] this time. That was I was subject to fits of [illegible] [illegible] at times I came very near striking my opponent over the head with [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]. [illegible] occasion [illegible] I were playing at Chess one of these fits seized me [illegible] [illegible] and men all over the tents. This united me [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] to carefully read in the New Testament and [illegible] to a [illegible] from that day to this.

Again we had orders to be ready to move at daylight, but a [illegible] [illegible] set in which entirely forbade an advance, several Corps [illegible] moved but were compelled to return, and a more dreary, worn, and miserable looking set of men, I have rarely seen. [illegible] were made for some of the regts to help draw the wagons out of the mire. This campaign was known in army parlance as "Burnside Stuck in the Mud." Soon after this Burnside was relieved and Fighting Joe Hooker assumed command of the Army of the Potomac. In [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] occurred a passage something like this: "Let us not hesitate to fight the enemy wherever we can find him." I [illegible] [illegible] some of my comrades that in all probability we could find him. Our new commander immediately took measures [illegible] [illegible] Cavalry arm of the service and indeed [illegible] [illegible] it the most efficient branch of the service. [illegible] [illegible] with horrid oaths that he would show to the infantry a dead cavalry man

and [illegible] the road, [illegible]
[illegible] and one [illegible] the [illegible] and had not [illegible]
a [illegible] Cavalry [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] forward, and [illegible]
and [illegible] were [illegible]
[illegible] by, Stuart, [illegible],
In [illegible] part of [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] the 6th Corps and our division [illegible]
[illegible], about the 15th April [illegible]
[illegible] the river, the 24th [illegible] quite well,
[illegible] the first of May
[illegible] was [illegible] great [illegible]. On the [illegible]
[illegible] May I went on picket, and it was a [illegible] and [illegible]
artillery and [illegible]
[illegible] on, a night [illegible], the [illegible] was not
regarded, but the firing [illegible]. The [illegible] jumped
at the conclusion that Hooker was [illegible]
[illegible] the river and we [illegible] went
[illegible] crossing, and the [illegible] would be [illegible]
[illegible] up [illegible] 1,60 [illegible]
[illegible] above. [illegible] was
not [illegible] on the morning [illegible] the 3d, Gen
Sedgwick crossed the river [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible]
division [illegible] the town. [illegible]
[illegible] Confederate [illegible]

[illegible] but quite [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] had [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] Stafford Heights [illegible]
[illegible] the old Ken Brigade in front the ground [illegible]
[illegible] charged, and [illegible] up the heights [illegible]
[illegible] of a terrible fire of musketry and artillery [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] passed them [illegible]
[illegible] division, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] make a [illegible]
[illegible] were [illegible]
[illegible] were at [illegible] the [illegible] bridge.
Gen. [illegible]
on the morning of the 4th [illegible] was
[illegible] up the river [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible], cutting his communication with [illegible]
[illegible], it was [illegible]
[illegible] a great [illegible]
[illegible] occasion [illegible] his [illegible]
career. Gen. Lee, [illegible]
his whole army [illegible] divisions, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] *dice* [illegible]

[illegible] 1864 was [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] Stewarts at [illegible] [illegible] Sedgwick crossed the [illegible] again [illegible] remained several days [illegible] and on the [illegible] 14th the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Col.
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] Again [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] of this [illegible], [illegible] that I was [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] guard [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] just [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] guard his
[illegible] [illegible]

But I [illegible] [illegible]
without which [illegible] impossible [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at that time, [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] marched [illegible]
[illegible] had [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], but [illegible] 15 [illegible] has [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] commander [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] rapid march [illegible]
[illegible] during the entire day [illegible] in
[illegible] exhaustion and the excessive [illegible]
of the [illegible], 100 of these were [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] staggering, [illegible]

[illegible] their ranks within [illegible]
[illegible] the demoralization God save me [illegible]
[illegible] demoralized army. But this day [illegible]
[illegible] end as the "sable wing of night" [illegible]
[illegible] a pleasant camp on the banks [illegible]
at Wolfe Run Shoals. Where we halted, made [illegible]
[illegible]
Morning came and again we moved forward. [illegible]
[illegible] station, we were [illegible] preparation [illegible]
[illegible] in front of us was moving out and [illegible]
[illegible] men [illegible] my right to the [illegible] when one [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
not full control of myself but struck him in the face, [illegible]
[illegible] raised my hand twenty times before this [illegible]
[illegible] had caught myself before the mischief was done [illegible]
[illegible] against [illegible]
who was more enraged it seemed than the soldier was [illegible] "[illegible]
are you doing?" he exclaimed. "Strike a man with [illegible]
[illegible] owned to you. You are a Coward!" I replied [illegible]
[illegible] "No, I am not," and his back was [illegible]
turned to me." "Shut your mouth [illegible]" [illegible]
was his reply. "As you say" was my answer. [illegible]
sat down and gnashed my teeth for a few minutes, [illegible]
in that few minutes my mind was made up [illegible]
[illegible] battle that I was [illegible]
coward than he! And if we never entered battle again [illegible]
vindicate his assertion or prove it true. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] could [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] that Christian [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] all known [illegible] this neighborhood [illegible]
[illegible] Union
[illegible] and asked [illegible] to tell [illegible]
[illegible] Union [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] which I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] named [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] ... dark [illegible] joined the

[illegible]

Camp[illegible] which was a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] stones [illegible] said that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] pains [illegible]
[illegible] and not [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] found [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] found [illegible] and [illegible] his [illegible]
[illegible]
experienced [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in a [illegible]
Again [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] appeared to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Again [illegible] would [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] could [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] that [illegible] air could [illegible]
a [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] could [illegible] would [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] raised [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] were [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] better than that of [illegible]
[illegible] health, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] right [illegible]
[illegible] did [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] and [illegible] would [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] than [illegible]
[illegible] pass [illegible] a [illegible] and would strike the hill
[illegible] it [illegible] that [illegible] did not [illegible]
[illegible] I believe that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] We walked [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] anxious [illegible]

[illegible] . The [illegible] remains [illegible]
[illegible] Command, [illegible]
[illegible] Command.
[illegible]
[illegible] Companies.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Reynolds [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible] encouragement [illegible]
[illegible] his Commission [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] It rained [illegible] evening [illegible] 15 [illegible]

[illegible] It rained [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] day. [illegible] all night [illegible]

[illegible] at Harper, [illegible]

[illegible] an attack [illegible]

[illegible] skirmishers advanced [illegible]

[illegible] the ground which had [illegible]

[illegible] skirmishers [illegible] quiet [illegible]

[illegible] pickets [illegible] at [illegible] a [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible] the skirmishers [illegible]

[illegible] and then [illegible] down. [illegible]

[illegible] skirmish, [illegible] may be called, [illegible]

[illegible] Night came a rainy [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 14

[illegible] "The [illegible]" [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 11

[illegible]

Sunday [illegible] 10th

[illegible] armed transports [illegible] 149th [illegible]

Monday [illegible] 11

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible].

Friday Aug. 21st

[illegible] down the [illegible] and [illegible] for [illegible] Custom [illegible] on the [illegible] and watched the [illegible] the [illegible].

Saturday Aug. 22d

[illegible] at [illegible] on the Ocean. [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] found the [illegible] to leave me that I was [illegible] a little [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] I went out on the [illegible] of the [illegible] natural [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] of the [illegible] can [illegible] and [illegible] and had a [illegible] it [illegible]. One [illegible] of the amusements [illegible] a large [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] out of the water. The [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Canada, and at [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible],
[illegible], [illegible], I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Sunday Aug 23d

About daylight this morning I came on deck found that the vessel had been [illegible] around [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] waiting for [illegible]. She was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] us [illegible] in [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] mark of [illegible] [illegible] insignificant [illegible] Sandy Hook [illegible] was in view which as we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Long and Staten Islands were now in [illegible] view, [illegible] there is nothing in our country I suppose [illegible] calculated to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that he is [illegible] the Metropolis of a great nation than [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] out [illegible] and [illegible] of Staten [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] until quickly [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not without [illegible]. On the right [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but a short distance from Long Island, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a mile in width, and [illegible] the [illegible] channel is not the half [illegible] that distance, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and were soon riding at Anchor [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about noon we were landed

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] the regular [illegible] Commander [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the regular [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the morning and evening [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 5

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the fort [illegible] visited, [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] visited [illegible] the
Brooklyn [illegible] and [illegible]
the [illegible] Washington [illegible] seen in
the days of [illegible] thousands
of citizens [illegible] great
[illegible]

Saturday Aug 29th

Received a letter from Peter
and answered it. Wrote to Hezekiah [illegible] the anniversary
of his birth day. We have had a [illegible] of time
talking with the citizens who are very kind to us.

Sunday Aug 30th

The whole park ~~is~~ has been crowded with citizens during
the entire day. We had inspection and dress parade
[illegible] (We were compelled to form and march forward
then [illegible] to keep the citizens back in order to
get room [illegible] a dress parade.) In the evening I
witnessed a procession of the Ancient Order of Hibernians
who marched through the street to the tune of "St Patrick's
Day in the morning."

~~Sunday~~ Monday Aug 31st

[illegible] I had an invitation from some sabbath
school children to attend a picnic the day after tomorrow
I [illegible] I shall accept the invitation as [illegible]
I [illegible] most of the time [illegible]
with [illegible]

[illegible] 1863, [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] spirit of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this day [illegible] to those [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] spirit of [illegible] in me, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]"

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] had [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is "[illegible] Basket of Flowers."

Thursday [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], and [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I admire the [illegible] [illegible] very much.

[illegible] Sept 4th

[illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] Meeting-[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] given [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] after a [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] and a [illegible] [illegible], we were conducted to a bountiful repast [illegible] under a [illegible] Canopy erected for the purpose. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] were there to welcome us and make us at home. I must confess that I [illegible] proud to be [illegible] among the [illegible] who were [illegible] of such hand, when we arose to depart the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. Oh! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], all the [illegible] are happy,

Tuesday Sept 5th 1865

I have been reading as usual, [illegible] Buckian [illegible] the Company [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], I saw one [illegible] [illegible] who belongs to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], he is acquainted with Miss [illegible], [illegible] plate [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] made and [illegible] to [illegible], and [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] Sept 6th,

[illegible] are all [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible] possible [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] can it be possible that they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a kind of [illegible] [illegible]. ††

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] outside view of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] Empire [illegible], and are now [illegible] [illegible], I notice that this is a very [illegible] vessel. [illegible] [illegible] we have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we could [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Correspondent [illegible] [illegible], they [illegible] [illegible].

†† In this connection it is only necessary for me to say that [illegible], was composed of [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] miners [illegible], [illegible] from Maine to California, from Kansas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] a "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], yet there [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Saturday Apr 12.

[illegible]

[illegible] ... he arrived at a [illegible] ... and a [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

So much for this [illegible] in a minute. This is true.

[illegible]

Sept 15th [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] (Sept 14th)

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Sept 15th

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Wednesday Sept 16th

[illegible]

[illegible] Sept 17th

[illegible]

Friday Sept 18th

[illegible] no other [illegible]

Saturday Sept 19th

Received a letter [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sept [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Thursday Sept 24th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

Friday Sept 25th

I wrote to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Saturday Sept 26th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Sunday Sept 27th

[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible]

Monday Sept 28th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], I have [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] a [illegible] inspection [illegible]

Tuesday Sept 29th

[illegible] [illegible] in a [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible].

Wednesday Sept 30th

As the [illegible] was had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] I am [illegible] at this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Thursday Oct 1st

[illegible] and I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] on the [illegible], This is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] (which [illegible]) [illegible]

Saturday Oct 3rd

[illegible] as much as [illegible] 81.15 (This [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible])

Sunday Oct 4th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Monday Oct 5th

[illegible] day, [illegible] of Minnesota 14 & 15, [illegible] the [illegible] the 6th [illegible]

[illegible] Oct 6th

We moved [illegible] this morning, [illegible] into camp, [illegible] for [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]

Wednesday 11th Decr [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] returned [illegible]

[illegible] X

[illegible]

[illegible] I have [illegible]

X [illegible] was effected [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] champions, [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible], are actually Connected. I had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] such dedication.*

And now here I bethink me to record some items [illegible] [illegible] picked up at different times, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], "For example", a girl writing to her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] $35 per month [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] wife. (ha [illegible] [illegible]) Take another example in an [illegible] [illegible],

[illegible], [illegible] in [illegible] Virginia, writing to her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the necessity of his getting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] being married, in reply stated: that "he's [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] a [illegible], and [illegible] don't want to marry me looking like [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a wedding [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ "am not be attacked at such [illegible] besides Pa ~~would~~ says never [illegible] till the war is over.

Again. A [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] writing to a soldier, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] she was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] against a rival, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there are as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] out, and adds: "they are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]!!" I just mean [illegible] [illegible] things she said against her rival (most of which I [illegible] [illegible] were base lies)

Friday Oct 1st

[illegible] example [illegible] which was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

* May 1916, Since that time I have learned that honorable men are just like dishonorable men — great men are fools, and fools are men of genius.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Saturday Oct 11th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
"[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]"

Sunday Oct [illegible]

Up at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and marched [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Monday Oct [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to day. [illegible] [illegible] Il Clock
[illegible] [illegible] ordered [illegible] to [illegible] Country Rappahannock we
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
has been [illegible] advancing as far as [illegible]
with what result I know not certain [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to give [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible].

Tuesday Oct [illegible]

[illegible] up at midnight and marching with
[illegible] rapidly toward the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] Bristow Station
[illegible] [illegible] things we found a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We marched
back and [illegible] the bank of [illegible] that runs from [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] carried [illegible] back.

[illegible] Dec. 14th

[illegible] night. [illegible] the [illegible]
head [illegible] on the road [illegible]
[illegible] the road [illegible]
Column was [illegible] cars. [illegible] Cavalry
has attempted to join the [illegible]
and [illegible] that [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] the 1st Division of our Corps [illegible]
in the rear [illegible] the Cavalry [illegible]
[illegible] (took capturing [illegible] pieces of artillery)
(About 11 [illegible] the [illegible] R.R.
at [illegible] Station. [illegible] the [illegible]
We [illegible] of this
morning had [illegible] about 3 miles when [illegible] a couple of
[illegible] almost directly in front of us.
[illegible] can imagine the [illegible] that [illegible]
was no [illegible]
[illegible]. The [illegible]
[illegible] half a mile from the
[illegible] which we were marching [illegible] that [illegible]
in advance of [illegible] the head of our Column. Our [illegible]
the advancing [illegible]. [illegible] riding at the head of [illegible]
of Major [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] ... [illegible]
[illegible] ... [illegible]
[illegible] ... [illegible]
[illegible] ... [illegible]
[illegible] ... [illegible]
[illegible] ... 144 ... [illegible]
[illegible] the advance of the [illegible]
which was [illegible] with [illegible]. This was
quite a high grade [illegible]
[illegible] behind which grade, [illegible]
[illegible] the division [illegible] drove
the [illegible] of [illegible],
somewhat [illegible] G.
[illegible], [illegible] the whole division [illegible]
behind the [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] of the whole battle.
The [illegible] to the
[illegible]
At 8th div. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] h. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible] the fire of [illegible]

[illegible] Captain [illegible] 13 [illegible] 5 o'clock [illegible] the morning of the 15th [illegible]

Thursday Oct 15th

[illegible] placed on board [illegible]

[illegible] Oct 16th

I [illegible]

Saturday Oct 15th 1865

I [illegible] the [illegible] to the 19th Maine. [illegible] I am afflicted with [illegible] in this company. [illegible] has again gone to his [illegible].

Sunday Oct 16th

We had orders to [illegible] the morning of [illegible] but we did not march, and this [illegible] we had [illegible] rations issued to us which makes [illegible] days rations which we expected to carry on our next march, but a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Monday Oct 17th

[illegible]

[illegible] Oct [illegible]

[illegible]

Thursday Oct 20th

[illegible]

[illegible]

Saturday [illegible] 4

[illegible]

[illegible]
as [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
its way to the [illegible] [illegible]
which are [illegible] in the native capital, [illegible] 14,[illegible] [illegible]
they have no visible means of support.

I have a well authenticated [illegible], [illegible] in [illegible]
The [illegible] of [illegible]. A [illegible]
Current [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
"[illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible]
And I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
more [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
If this [illegible]
the [illegible]
probably [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the engine [illegible]

[illegible] his stand [illegible]

[illegible] fell forward [illegible] 200 [illegible]

[illegible] quite dead [illegible]

[illegible] the head. [illegible]

[illegible] fell off [illegible]

[illegible] God [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

XX This [illegible]

[illegible] over [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Cumberland.

Tuesday [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] and [illegible] Tullahoma. It [illegible] that [illegible] Capt [illegible] his [illegible] and [illegible] back the [illegible] in this front. [illegible] made [illegible] the [illegible] report says that [illegible] 6th Cavalry [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] yesterday. (This was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the 6th [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]) there was been firing at the front all day [illegible]

Wednesday [illegible] 9th

The weather is quite cold [illegible] [illegible].

Monday Nov. 16th.

We have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quarters. The [illegible] have [illegible] worked very [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for winter. But what [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] old [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] winter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quarters [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] little that [illegible] might [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] seen, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] 12th 13th

[illegible] and [illegible]

Saturday Nov 14th

[illegible] these pages. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on a [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Nov 15th

[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] at a [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] 16th

[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] 17th

[illegible]

[illegible] 18th

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with.

[illegible] [illegible] 22nd

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mon[illegible] [illegible] 3rd

[illegible] [illegible] was a [illegible] [illegible] 3 morning [illegible]

[illegible]day [illegible] 24th

[illegible] march [illegible] daylight this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] miles [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] 25th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Th[illegible] [illegible] 26th

The [illegible] daylight this [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] after which we [illegible] the Rapidan at Germania ford.

Friday [illegible] 13th

The [illegible] moved forward [illegible] this morning I think in the direction of Gordonsville. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] up [illegible] in a [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

advanced as skirmishers about a mile, when [illegible] with considerable [illegible]. The [illegible] advanced to the [illegible] of the [illegible] in which the [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] advanced and the [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Saturday Nov 28th

We advanced [illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] about a mile, when [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Sunday Nov 29th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Tuesday Dec 15

[illegible] inspections [illegible]. I have [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] official report

Wednesday Dec 16th.

Read the papers and [illegible]. [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Dec 17th.

[illegible], and [illegible]

Friday Dec 18th

I [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] papers and [illegible] a [illegible].

Saturday Dec 19th

I have [illegible] in the [illegible] papers to day. I am now prepared to [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] which will be [illegible] [illegible].

Sunday [illegible]

I [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] that I [illegible] [illegible] that I [illegible]. I [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

I would not give one [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

January 1st 1844.

We [illegible] a little. I wrote to [illegible] and [illegible] I have also written a [illegible] and [illegible] I intend to carry with me and [illegible] next [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

Saturday Jan 3.

[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] messages, [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] Market [illegible] as in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible] and [illegible] We had a [illegible] in the [illegible]

Monday Jan 4th.

[illegible] in the [illegible] and [illegible] papers. I was a little [illegible] [illegible] night, [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday Jan 5th

[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] papers. [illegible] night, [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

Wednesday Jan 6

I did not receive any [illegible] [illegible], which makes me *mad*. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ✡ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] can't [illegible], I hope he will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. ✡ †

✡ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] home [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] much [illegible] mind [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. And [illegible] [illegible] heart [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thing [illegible]

† [illegible],

[illegible]

Friday Jan 8th

I [illegible] went. [illegible] had a [illegible] walk in [illegible] which [illegible] Church [illegible] was [illegible]

[illegible] Continued [illegible] that [illegible] to day [illegible]

Saturday Jan 9th 1869

[illegible] and [illegible] Atkinson. [illegible] I went to Church, [illegible]

Sunday Jan 10th

I Read in [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible]

Monday Jan 11th

I [illegible] Church, [illegible] the [illegible] of the Lord, but [illegible] commanded [illegible] **

** [illegible] and [illegible] in reserve [illegible] at the [illegible] at [illegible]

[illegible] Jan [illegible]

[illegible] I must have [illegible] [illegible]

Church this [illegible]

Wednesday Jan 13th

[illegible] newspapers, [illegible]

[illegible]

But the [illegible] in all [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] (church, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] standards, [illegible]
in [illegible] a man must, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] must [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
conviction. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] point [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of nature [illegible]
able to point out the [illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
the [illegible] must [illegible]
evidences [illegible] nature [illegible] is a [illegible]
mind ~~[illegible]~~ overruling [illegible] this universe, this, I maintain [illegible]
[illegible] (and others), [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] example [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thursday Jan [illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible]

Saturday Jan [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thursday Feb 1st 1866

[illegible]

[illegible] Feb 11th 1864

Morning [illegible] a [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Friday Feb 12th

[illegible] the morning [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] P. M. After [illegible]

[illegible] &c. [illegible]

[illegible]

Saturday [illegible]

[illegible] indispensable [illegible] But we resolved to [illegible] We followed [illegible]

[illegible] At last [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

16th 1864

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sunday March 6th 1864

[illegible]

March 11th 1864.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1844

[illegible]

[illegible] 7th

[illegible] the
[illegible] Everything
[illegible] of him
and [illegible]
and [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] which does not
[illegible] as [illegible]
[illegible] the 21st of this [illegible]
[illegible] the guard [illegible] "[illegible]
[illegible] twenty days [illegible]!"
[illegible] on these [illegible] things,
that [illegible] night [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]"

[illegible] 8th

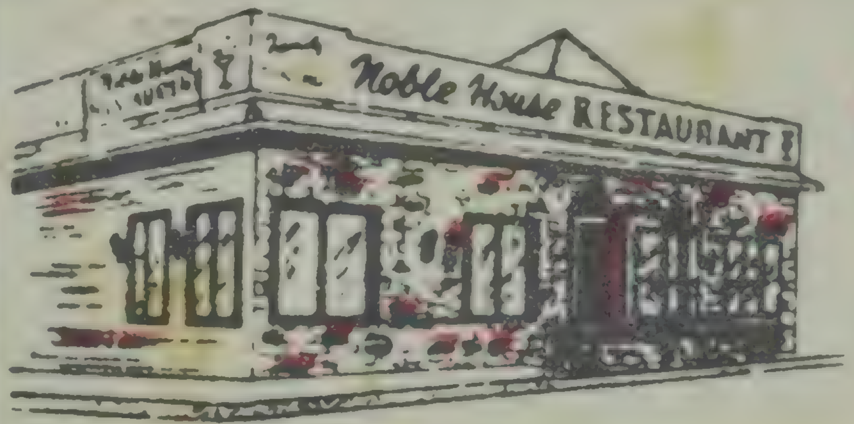
[illegible]
[illegible] we
have [illegible]
[illegible]

Saturday [illegible] 9th

[illegible]
[illegible],

[illegible] 10th

[illegible]
[illegible],
[illegible] was to [illegible]
([illegible] 19 [illegible]
[illegible])



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Sunday April 24th

[illegible]

Tuesday April 26th

Studied grammar, [illegible] came
down and as [illegible] Hezekiah and I [illegible]
and very pleasant walk, In the afternoon the
regt [illegible] a drill but as I am [illegible] on duty,
Ned and I walked out again.

Wednesday April 27th

Ned returned [illegible] Hezekiah and
I accompanied him as far as [illegible] Creek
Returned to the fort and studied grammar, I feel
sorrowful as the day of parting with my old comrades
approaches. I have [illegible]
[illegible] and we have agreed to exchange photographs,

Thursday — April 28th

An order is published in
the papers [illegible] to the [illegible]
men [illegible] the 1st regt [illegible] with the
regt are to be [illegible] to-morrow, the remainder,

to be [illegible] into a battalion and [illegible] at once, [illegible] Grammar and took a [illegible] this morning. The regt was [illegible] in the afternoon [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] April 29th

[illegible] lesson of [illegible] [illegible] Capt Ball [illegible] letter of recommendation [illegible], we had a [illegible] in the [illegible], [illegible] I studied grammar, took a walk in the evening with [illegible] and had a [illegible] [illegible] after dark.

Saturday April 30th

Studied [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I had a pleasant [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] conversation. [illegible] I to admire [illegible]

[illegible] May 1st

I [illegible] [illegible], Weather [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible], but as the grass [illegible] and the ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] green [illegible] some [illegible] every day. A few young [illegible] the young [illegible] to the pleasures of life. [illegible] [illegible] no [illegible]

[illegible] 2d [illegible]

[illegible] grammar [illegible] to [illegible]

Tuesday May 3d.

[illegible] in the forenoon. Ely and I [illegible] in the afternoon. [illegible] tried when we arrived. Studied grammar during the forenoon.

Wednesday May 4th.

Returned from Minneapolis. We voted our company fund to the families [illegible] Studied grammar a great deal to day. I also spent some time in reviewing and in walking about.

Thursday May 5th.

The boys were discharged. Ned came down.

May 6th Friday.

Ned returned. Capt. Ball gave me the following recommendation.

"To all whom it may Concern,

Be it known that this testimonial of is given to David Bond of "I" company 1st Minnesota Vol. Infantry on the occasion of my leaving the military service of the U.S.

under a sense of justice to a Brave & Faithful Soldier.

Having been under my immediate Command since the 16th of September 1862 to the present time it is proper for me to say David Bond has during that time been ever anxious to meet the enemies of his Government and whose merits are best seen through the smoke of battle."

Fort Snelling Minn. May 6th 1864 } John Ball
Capt. Comdg. "F." Company
1st Minnesota Vol. Infty

I have been studying Grammar to-day. Jim Jimson and I have agreed to watch and see what our armies were doing at four o'clock this evening. The recommendation given me by Capt. Ball to-day I think will fully atone for his hasty words uttered in June last — (See page)

Saturday — May 7th

Berdan and I went down to St. Paul. Had our pictures taken. I spent the afternoon with Jarve. The papers bring the news of fighting in Virginia. The fighting was very heavy about four o'clock yesterday. So that our expectations were realized. I will stay with Jarve to-night.

Sunday May 8th.

I slept [illegible] about [illegible] this morning. [illegible] came up this side of the [illegible]. There is nothing of importance going on. Our battalion is ordered to the front.

Monday May 9th.

The papers bring news of continued fighting in the Wilderness. I have been studying grammar to-day.

Tuesday May 10th.

Jim Tyson and I have taken a long walk gathering flowers. I have been studying grammar. The [illegible] is [illegible] fighting at [illegible]. We had an election of Lieutenants to-day which resulted in the election of Houston for 1st and O'Brien for second. I had on this occasion a good opportunity to observe the great strife raised by some petty chaps for office. The Captains of the two companies were chosen by the officers of the old [illegible]. One of them is a good officer but strange to say they [illegible] junior. His name is Parkins. He was our color sergt when we entered the Battle of Gettysburg. The other was a sergt of Co. A. a drunkard and a gambler, with a few dark spots on his reputation for courage. (all of which will appear in the [illegible] of my narrative.) In all human justice we ought to have had the election of our own officers although [illegible] [illegible] had officers who were never more to have anything to [illegible] the right given to a vote, much ~~more~~ less to legislate for us.

—But we they must fix the curse of a drunken commander upon us before they could beat us. Mark this young aspirant for the glory of war, for from it grows a sad tale of misery, dead, suffering and even death, that often many brave soldiers. I am now approaching a period in this narrative that will illustrate the wickedness of war more fully than any thing I have yet told.

Wednesday — May 11th

I have got through the grammar to-day and commenced reviewing. I shall pay particular attention to punctuation in my review.

Thursday — May 12th

Accounts still come of hard fighting. I have been studying punctuation to-day. Hezekiah and I took a walk after dinner, and in the evening I, Thomas and [illegible] went out.

Friday — May 13th

The papers bring glorious news from the front. The old 2d Corps has covered itself with what poets call glory, that is to say it has slain and captured a host. Jim Imson, Hezekiah and I took a walk gathering flowers this morning. Lizzie and I had a pleasant walk this evening. And after that I had a long walk and [illegible] with that [illegible] [illegible] under the [illegible] of [illegible]. I have been studying punctuation to-day.

Saturday May 14th.

[illegible] a walk [illegible] the morning with Jim Imson and again in the evening with [illegible] Dudan, after [illegible] a long [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. The papers bring good news from Virginia and Georgia. Reader are you tired of hearing [illegible] taken a walk and studied Grammar. If you are you [illegible] have to be so. But if you were acquainted with my companions "Imson" and "Dudan" [illegible] [illegible] a walk with them in this delightful locality you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Dudan is a quiet [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] generous [illegible] with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the miseries of a fallen foe but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to strike and [illegible] to dare" so long as there is resistance [illegible] the [illegible] of his country. A mind he has too which though not "active" yet is [illegible] and exceedingly fond of information. A Christian soldier who loves [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], loves all mankind.

"The Other was as pure of mind
But turned to combat with his kind
Strong in his fame and of a mood
Which 'gainst the world in war had stood
[illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] rank
[illegible] [illegible] —"

Simson is about 5.11 inches in hight slim but compactly made
with a [illegible] chest and broad square shoulders. His strength is
enormous and he is built as [illegible] Achilles his physique on the
whole is almost perfect his hair is black and from under
his dark eyebrows come the piercing glances of two black eyes
that continually [illegible] the [illegible] of his [illegible] [illegible] within.
"Did you ever see such an eye?" often asked concerning him.
I must confess I never did. I always thought that such [illegible]
were the eyes [illegible] belonged to the imagination of poets. But
[illegible] [illegible] or [illegible] the [illegible] given out by Simsons [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. In battle he is the [illegible] of Bedan, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he is all [illegible] and rages as [illegible]
[illegible] # [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible]. An anecdote will
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. At the battle of [illegible] [illegible]
after the [illegible] was [illegible] he and a [illegible] companion
[illegible] helping off a wounded comrade, having at last
got him to a place where [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] came on them. The wounded man
wanted water. Simson turned to his comrade, "Make your
escape [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the water, and I'll get [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] one [illegible] before they take me," He [illegible]
[illegible] his swiftness of foot. But ere his task was done
the [illegible] Cavalry was upon [illegible] and he [illegible]
11 months in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. He is fond of
information and has an [illegible] mind. He is
not a person that will make many friends in [illegible]

[illegible] I did not [illegible] until a few days [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] in a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] written [illegible]
[illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] of his quick and [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] Hezekiah and I [illegible] is [illegible] good [illegible].

Sunday May 15th.

Jim [illegible] and I took a walk [illegible] in the morning and in the after-noon. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I took a bath in the [illegible]. I have been studying Punctuation.

Monday May 16th.

Hezekiah and I took a walk in the morning. and Charley Grave and I in the evening. I have been studying Prosody and and Punctuation. Our [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] which were turned in when we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], we have drawn again to day.

Tuesday May 17th.

We left Ft. Snelling early this morning the weather was warm and the roads dusty, We arrived in St Paul about 11 o'clock. Between St Paul and the fort stands a cottage surrounded with trees and a cool spring of water near it. It is the home of Willie* a young boy too young for a soldier. the grounds are most tastefully laid out around Willie's home and as a thirsty soldier I drank at the spring and saw Willie's mother I bid him good bye, And saw how the soldiers in that [illegible] home [illegible] on the comrades of this Willie

* I am not writing a novel this was his name and I only fail to give the rest of his name because I have forgotten it.

I saw that Willie's education has been strictly moral. I thought what a pity that he so young, so tender, so good, should thus be carried to the realities of war. But alas! I did anticipate what this day was yet to disclose. A drunk must be had by the soldiers before they leave the state. Willie is drawn in and made drunk with the rest. Being on guard I have had to deal with these drunken men to-day. Charles Berdan was on post on the boat this afternoon. There was an attempt made to violate his orders. It terminated as might be expected by any one acquainted with Charl. He is a noble soldier and has strength to back his will. Oh! we have not such men as we had in the old 1st. There came near being a general row about that attempt to force Charley's post. Jim---- was near by and as I was in charge of the guard I whispered to him to be ready although he was not on guard. We had plenty of other old soldiers who were sober and ready to back us, but with two such men as Charl and Jim I would feel strong against the the dozen drunk men who were making the disturbance.

We are on the steamer Northern Belle. merrily we are gliding down the river. The day is beautiful and the scenery the loveliest that earth ever gave. Who would believe our mission to be one of death?

Berdan and I gave Willie a lecture after he got sober. We reminded him of his pleasant home that we had seen in the morning, of his mother, of all that we

[illegible] left. [illegible] we did as [illegible] as we could. God grant that [illegible] good words [illegible]. [illegible] we [illegible] of glory [illegible] at [illegible].

Wednesday May 18th.

I was called up at midnight to relieve Corporal Way. Continued on duty until morning. We were just at the foot of Lake Pepin as day dawned. How lovely is the scenery along the river at this season of the year. The islands all clad in living green, and the fair young flowers in full bloom. But alas! I am a soldier and as a soldier I am robbed of these glories by sleepiness caused by guard duty. Oh! how I wish I could travel and do as I pleased without the cramp of ~~stiff~~ military discipline. We arrived in La Crosse about 5 P.M. It is now about 5. We leave at 8 for the east. I expect the boys will have another drunk to-night.

Thursday May 19th.

We left La Crosse at 8.30 yesterday evening. I soon after fell asleep. In the morning we were at Minnesota Junction. Here we remained until one P.M. Charley Berdan and I have had a good time watching the scenery along the road. Here amid swamps [illegible] rises an abrupt rock to the height of several hundred feet crowned with scrubby cedar. As if some strange huge race of giants had once massed and cast these enormous ruins at each other. Again they have the appearance of having been built by the hand of art. Ruined towers, and old chimneys, ~~to~~ raise their venerable heads toward heaven.

Such is the scenery on which Berdan and I have feasted our eyes this afternoon and though the rapid movement of the train soon takes each individual view from our sight another as quickly appears. I am [illegible] with every day, and am [illegible] [illegible].

Friday May 20th. We left ~~Omaha~~ Chicago at 10 P.M. I soon after fell asleep. When I awoke it was daylight. We arrived in Ft. Wayne about an hour later. We were delayed at Mansfield Ohio for several hours owing to the breaking of three coal cars on the road ahead of us. We did not reach Pittsburg until one A.M. on the morning of the 21st.

Pittsburg Saturday May 21st. We had an excellent breakfast at the Volunteer Refreshment Rooms. I always admired Pittsburg but my admiration is greatly increased by observing that nearly all of her inhabitants are laboring people. The very little boys instead of running the streets idle as in most large cities are here each at work. After breakfast Hezekiah, Berdan, Imson and I with a host of recruits who have begun to observe that we always had to something worth seeing set out. We first visited the rolling mills and the docks where the monitors are being built. One the Manayunk is pretty well advanced. We next went to the Fort Pitt Iron Foundry. Chiefly to see the great

20 inch Rodman gun. We saw it and it is truly a monster. On the whole my walk has paid me well. Perhaps I may have the opportunity to visit this city again some time when as a free man I can go when and where I please and return when I am satisfied. O! I must get there. The following are the Dimensions of the great gun.

Weight Rough		170,000	lbs
" Finished		115,200	"
Length Rough		300	Inches
" Finished		243½	"
Diameter Maximum	Rough	66	"
" "	Finished	64	"
" Minimum	Rough	43	"
" "	Finished	34	"
" Bore		20	"
Length of bore		210	"
Solid Shot		1000	lbs
Charge of Powder		50	"

In the afternoon we paid another visit to the great gun. We next ascended a hill from which we had a view of the greater part of the City. We then proceeded to another hill where we could behold the other part of the City and then returned to our quarters. We are now (8.30 P.M.) on the cars and about starting for Harrisburg.

Sunday May 22nd 1864.

We arrived in Harrisburg at an early hour this morning. Learning that we were not likely to leave immediately after breakfast at the Soldiers Retreat, I paid a visit to the State Capitol. Here we saw some guns that were taken at Cerro Gordo, also some British and revolutionary pieces. The capitol grounds are well laid out and very beautiful but not more so than other places of the kind. And here I would remark that the grounds around the public buildings throughout our entire nation are invariably entirely too small; those around the capitol at Washington are not more than three times as large as the capitol itself; this is a ridiculous proportion. The city of Harrisburg on the whole is rather more attractive than most cities of its size. But as I have spoken of the city once at large on page 11 I will say no more about it here. Well well, we have at length got aboard a train of cars and are on our way to Baltimore. We are moving very slowly, being attached to a heavy freight train; this gives us a splendid opportunity to observe the scenery and the

"Rough and rugged rocks that rear,
Their hoary heads high in the air,
In wild fantastic forms."

Monday May 23d 1864

We arrived in Baltimore sometime before sunrise this morning; took breakfast at the Soldier's Rest. About 10 A. M. we left for Washington in which City we arrived in the afternoon. After supper [illegible] and [illegible] with the unworthy writer of this narrative visited the Capitol [illegible] the same, as I have talked about this building before you think it will be the same story over again. You are mistaken, should I visit it twenty times and write [illegible] pages each time there would yet remain much that might be said concerning this wonderful building. We saw the great bronze door; but how shall I describe it! How could I do so, when it is a history of itself? It would take [illegible] [illegible] to enable one to [illegible] all its varied representations. It is covered with scenes and incidents of American History, such as the landing of Columbus the burning of the [illegible], and many others all in the most beautiful statuette, the statue of each man is a [illegible] being about 12 inches in length. To see this door alone is worth a visit to the Capitol though it were a journey of a thousand miles. [illegible] B. C. [illegible]

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It is placed between the Dome gallery and the gallery of [illegible] — you must know [illegible] I saw enough a [illegible] [illegible] is the [illegible] gallery which bears that name. — And besides I do not know that any one [illegible] calls the same gallery by that name, [illegible] call it so because I think it [illegible] what it is. Under the Dome of the capitol there is a circular room perhaps more than [illegible] feet in diameter, from this room you can cast your eye upward and behold the top of the dome as it the ceiling above you, I presume this will not be so when it is finished. This room is ornamented with pictures and statues. (But more of that anon.)

The gallery of Art is what its name expresses, nor do I know that this is the name by which others call it. But this I know that there is a large room in the Capitol and in it are many fine specimens of art, Of which I can say nothing [illegible] as I did not have time to note them [illegible], and the many strange paintings in the [illegible] and [illegible] there [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday — May 24th.

Hezekiah and I again visited the [illegible] [illegible] comparing the things there now [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] drift, we found that we [illegible] [illegible] with which it is [illegible], [illegible] in this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] so wonderful that it gives me an exalted idea of the mind of man, And it [illegible] me sick at heart when I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

In the afternoon [illegible], [illegible] and I visited the Senate and House of Rep.; but the topics under consideration were not very important or interesting; hence what all we gained by this visit was a sight at Congressmen. But a Congressman has become so insignificant in my eyes that I was not much edified by that sight. In the evening several of us took a walk on the [illegible] grounds.

Wednesday May 25th.

[illegible] [illegible] Hezekiah and I visited the Botanical gardens. Here in the hot houses are to be seen many thousand tropical flowers and plants, while on every side in the open air are roses, [illegible] flowers, [illegible] trees, and an endless variety of plants of which I know nothing. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nothing, only that it [illegible] and to [illegible] to [illegible] them.

after spending a few short hours in the gardens [illegible] to the Smithsonian Institute. This Institute I have often visited but it always [illegible] new and [illegible]. We visited the Indian gallery there we beheld the statue of the [illegible], but Byron has [illegible] in his Child Harold's Pilgrimage. [illegible] to [illegible], read this great man's works and you will find this with many other things worthy of your attention. Of the [illegible] of natural history from the gorilla of Africa to the golden [illegible] of Thibet I will say nothing, for I know nothing, save that [illegible] are collected by hundreds [illegible] fossil remains of ancient monsters [illegible] of fishes, the stuffed skins of birds, beasts, serpents and insects of all countries and all ages; a thousand pictures and wondrous works of art. Hezekiah was in one of his [illegible] words. He often quoted from "Childe Harold." At length we came to a statue of a little infant [illegible]. He knelt by it, and gazed upon it for a long time without once moving his eyes from it. Ah! thought I what a scene is here for a picture. He at last bent over & kissed the statue and as he rose and walked away he remained silent for a long time.*

After dinner we visited the Patent Office. And here again

* He had left two babies at home and a wife. None of them did he ever see again. He died in Salisbury N. C. Prison the following November while I lay in Andersonville and knew nothing of his fate until the next June. His Babies then a little boy and a girl are both living yet — the girl in Washington State. The boy now 58 years old is one of the leading dentists of the state of Minnesota — has been President of the Minnesota Dental Association.

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I was not. Here are the works of genius
Here are models of all kinds of machinery
Here are presents which have been [illegible] at
different presidents of the United States
by the monarchs of the world, those which
import [illegible] [illegible] then were a [illegible] rifle
of the style [illegible] the one which was presented
to President Jefferson by the Emperor of France
and a complete armor [illegible] to
[illegible] by the Tycoon of Japan,

In another case we saw some of
the household furniture of Gen. Washington,
As we returned from these scenes I began to
reflect. Here alone is room for a thousand
years of study, yet this is but one little
city. What if we travel the whole world over,
then dive into the bowels of the earth and
drag her hidden secrets forth to light — what
huge remains of monsters and Mastodon
would we find all of whose habits and mode
of life would be new to us. Then alas! how
small and very insignificant is our whole
world when it would require nearly [illegible] times its
circumference to reach to the moon
But were this earth placed in the center
of the sun and the moon revolving
around it at the same distance that it does

there would yet be nearly 200,000 miles between the orbit of the moon and the outer surface of the sun. And were Jupiter a shell and [illegible] were peabeds within it The earth would rattle about like a pea in a gourd shell. Yet what is this? I have but talked a little about the earth the sun and Jupiter think of the solar system and the billions of miles from the sun to his outer worlds. Again what is the sun and all his system, look upwards. How many thousand stars do we see each of these stars with a few exceptions is a sun each lights his system of worlds. And yet the telescope reveals new suns. I became lost in these reflections and I thought I am only an animalcule crawling on a mustard seed.

Thursday May 26th

We visited the Capitol this evening. our attention was totally devoted to the Dome Gallery I noted in my Diary the names of the different works of art in this gallery And here I will give the list.

1st Just above the door of the main entrance is a group of Statuary representing the Landing of Enrico in 1620.

Passing around the gallery to the right the following representations appear in regular succession.

2d. Landing of Columbus Oct. 1492.

3d. Embarcation of the Pilgrims from Delft Haven in Holland July 21st. 1620.

4th. Bust of Hon. Fred A. Stanton, (Horatio Stone Sculpture)

5th. Treaty of William Penn 1682,

Bust of Thadeus Kosciusko.

6th. Gen Washington resigning his commission to Congress Annapolis Md Dec 23d 1783.

7th. Statue of George Washington with the following inscription:

"The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of the Virginia has caused this Statue to be erected as a monument of affection and gratitude to George Washington who uniting to the endowments of the Hero the virtues of the Patriot, and exercising both in establishing the Liberties of his Country, has rendered his name dear to his Fellow Citizens, and given the World an immortal example of true Glory. Done in the year of Christ one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, and in the year of the commonwealth the twelfth."

8th " Surrender of Lord Cornwallis, York Town Va Oct 19th 1781.

9th " Next was a group of statues consisting of three figures each holding a sort of bowl the meaning of this is beyond my depth.

10th " Next a group of statuary A. Capellon's Representation of the great Massacre at Jamestown Va. 1616.

11th " Surrender of Gen Burgoyne Saratoga N. Y. Oct. 1777.

12th " Declaration of Independence July 4th 1776 Philadelphia Pa.

13th " Enrico Causici of Verona Fecit This was something which I could not understand it looked very much like it might be a representation of some of Daniel Boon's adventures with the Indians.

14th " Baptism of Pocahontas Jamestown Va 1613.

16th " Busts of Hon Mr. Colfax Senator Chandler, and Rev Dr Samson.

17th " Discovery of the Mississippi by De Soto May 1541.

In the center of

18th " Bust of La-Salle

In the center of the gallery are the following pictures;

19th Hon Schuyler Colfax
20th Hon Owen Keyes
21st Washington, Before York Town giving orders to commence the entrenchment [illegible] to La Fayette, Hamilton, Knox, Lincoln and Rochambeau. –
22d Jackson,
23d John Adams,
24th John Quincy Adams,
25th Fillmore,
26th Gen. Cass,
27th Senator Preston,
28th James K. Polk,

And this completes the list of all that was in the Rome gallery at that time. It should be remembered that nearly all these representations are of life size.

Visiting the statue of Washington in the Park near the Capitol last evening and also just a few minutes before our visit to the [illegible] gallery. A vast swarm of flies was hovering over the head of the great Hero. little birds came here and caught the flies. I could not help likening this to the situation of our country over whose head have gathered swarms of traitors and the little birds are the good angels which are keeping watch over her.

Friday May 27th.

We left Washington early this morning, crossed the Potomac on Long Bridge, and encamped on Arlington Heights near Ft. Albany, not far from the Contraband Camp.

Saturday May 28th.

I have been detailed to drill recruits. I find a great difference between executing a movement myself and teaching others to do it. I believe I am able to execute any movement in the drill with tolerable accuracy but for the life of me I can't teach a recruit to do it, hence I teach them mainly by executing the movements myself and then have them execute by imitation.

Sudan, [illegible], [illegible] I had a most interesting [illegible] [illegible] this evening.

Sunday May 29th.

Inspection this morning. [illegible] [illegible] Grammar and Tactics awhile after which [illegible] Hezekiah and I went strawberrying. We had dress parade in the evening and a very insignificant affair it was.

Monday May 30th We repaired this morn to Alexandria, where we lay until evening when we got aboard the transport Emilie and steamed down the river to near Aquia Creek and anchored for the night. How much pleasure there would be in all this journeying about the country were it not that we are always crowded; And reflections will come, that we must soon bid again the mark of battle.

Tuesday May 31st We steamed down the Potomac and Chesapeak anchored near the mouth of York River I have been reflecting on the pleasure, which at fifteen I should have derived from such a voyage as this. But now, alas! I am old at twenty two. My sensibilities are dulled by the hard rubs of bitter experience.!!

N To see me now, one would suppose there were little foundation for this remark. But at the time of making the remark I was very much like a man of sixty, and I supposed that I should always remain so.

Wednesday, June 1st 1864. We steamed up York River, passed York Town and West Point, and entered the Pamunkey River. This rivers windings would rival Meander. 50 miles by water to gain 14 by land. We landed at the White House and here we are now all kinds of rumors afloat. Bathed in the Pamunkey swam across and back which required about a miles swimming I find that I can't swim as I once could, sure, age is coming on. Oh! for only such muscles as Leander possessed, though they were not [illegible] [illegible] found. But thanks to this wreck [illegible] I must [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] and my fond hopes of one day ~~swimming~~ swimming the Dardanelles are gone. This feat I had hoped to perform, or at least in some other water to perform an equivalent. So much I have lost by this war already what more may be in store for me I know not. But these are light matters compared with the loss of a noble brother. When I reflect on all these things I cannot utter a curse sufficiently bitter against those who have brought this wicked war upon us.

Thursday June 2d.
Been on guard to-day. Heavy firing at the front, which is near Cold Harbor I believe. Wrote a letter for Kate Dary to-day. We [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible].

Friday June 3d.
Hard fighting going on at the front to-day! Wounded men coming back [illegible]. We struck tents to march once to-day, but the order was countermanded.

Saturday June 4th.
We moved camp, and received orders to be ready to move at five o'clock in the morning.

Sunday June 5th.
We moved early this morning escorting a train to Cold Harbor. We [illegible] for the [illegible]. About 7 o'clock in the night there was a heavy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Monday June 6th.
Returned to White House. Received a letter from [illegible]. He proposes [illegible] in the [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I do not quite like his plan; although, I confess it has many charms. I have held a consultation with Berdan and Simson, they both prefer going to school next winter.
But as for myself I often think of applying for a commission in a colored regiment, again I think of going to school. In short I am not decided and the rebels may decide me.

Tuesday June 7th

I wrote to Deaker stating my objections to his plan and making [illegible] proposals myself, none of which I presume will be accepted and I am very sure that they will never be carried out; for, "There is a Providence that shapes our ends; Rough hew them as we will"

We went on picket this evening. Our post is on the left near the river. The day is beautiful, and everything is pleasant. We are in a large field of luxuriant clover, containing about 1200 acres. This estate belongs to the rebel Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, and is the old Custis Estate, famous as the property of Mrs. Washing-

Wednesday June 8th.

We were relieved just at dark and returned to camp where we received a whiskey ration. I then held a consultation with [illegible]. I think, some of attending the Gettysburg Seminary this Winter. The day we have spent mostly in picket reading, sleeping, and eating.

Thursday June 9th.

On fatigue to-day, or duty carrying wounded men aboard the boat. I am rather sick of such scenes, besides, tired of the army. What consolation do I get? Simply that we have marching orders. O that this cruel war were over.

I have written these remarks just as they are in my Diary. I will now proceed to particularize. Early on the morning of the 9th we received orders to go on fatigue accordingly a heavy detail was made and I was one of the unlucky ones. We went to the hospital camp where there were about 3,000 wounded. We carried them about 40 rods to the boats. Reader, if you think it is a light task

to carry a wounded man on a stretcher, try it, once for the distance mentioned. And then think how it would go for a day's job. But the labor was the smallest part, to see men lying with their bones torn out and see maggots working in their flesh, unconscious, ~~mercifully~~ yet groaning with pain for hours. Yet wished-for-death, will not come to their relief. Such cases we made no attempt to remove. Those that we removed often had but one leg or arm or were otherwise severely wounded. Some complained bitterly whose wounds were slight in comparison with others, from whom not a murmur was heard. Many people are uncharitable toward those poor sufferers who make so great a noise when only slightly wounded. Let me here plead their cause. Some men are endowed with iron nerves which is no credit to them, but they were given them for some wise purpose by an all wise and benificent Creator. Others have but weak nerves and are easily shocked, frightened or hurt, this is no discredit to them but an affliction perhaps entailed upon them by some violation of God's law by their parents. Their nerves being weak, they feel keener pain and rave [illegible] accordingly

endure it than the first days. My chances
of knowing this truth were perhaps [illegible]
greater than others. I was a weak child
and whined about every small matter; but
a small matter was great in my eyes,
then. A very small matter would trouble
and distress me greatly. Why? Because I
was not able to stand [illegible]. Since I moved
[illegible] removed to the [illegible] air of Minnesota.
I grew strong & vigorous, and now a [illegible]
bruise which in those days was productive
of almost insupportable pain, will ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
more than be felt. And what would raise my
anger to the highest pitch will scarcely cause
a ripple in my temper. I have never in
my life suffered such pain as I did with
the "mumps" although the disease affected
but one jaw and that to all appearances so
lightly that our people ridiculed me for
complaining so, when my [illegible] brother
whose jaws were much worse took it patiently.
This made me wish I was dead, as I often
did when I was a child. And on one
occasion which I well remember, when
I had a ~~[illegible]~~ fever and was crossed by
some one. I slipped out of the house and

laid in a snow drift for several hours hoping thereby to bring on a disease that would prove mortal. And it was only this lack of nerve enough to do it, that prevented me from committing suicide when very young. I would often climb trees and weigh the matters for hours, and finally come down simply because I had not nerve to put an end to an existence which was insupportable to me. It was not that it was sweet to live, but that it was terrible to die by violence. O, young people, when you take on yourselves the marriage relation what responsibility do we assume. My parents though they were better posted than is common knew not and know not to this day all these things which I was [illegible]. But the Great God above ~~designed~~ designed that I should survive all this and lead a triumph over disease and weakness. Let your sympathies be with poor weak sufferer who has not the nerve to endure his sufferings. He is often braver on the field than than the swaggering army hero who can sit patiently and view [illegible] carnage by [illegible] without a sleeping

petition. But to return, perhaps you will not [illegible] I am so weak, for praying [illegible] that there are many here [illegible]. The [illegible] to night, then, [illegible] and weary, sick at heart [illegible] released. When such times as these come, and the burden seems almost greater than I can bear, I do not fret and groan as I once did, being weak of heart. But I straighten myself up to full length, draw in two or three heavy breaths, expanding my chest and lungs and sending the pure blood coursing with renewed vigor through my veins. I then say within my heart; "I am a man, and I will not succumb to this." This, is a self conceited phrase, but as it serves my purpose, I care not. Tell it, gentle reader, it is distasteful to you, [illegible] go to the bed and get that morning walk," For never have I found this argument in vain. And so long as self reliance is a fine road to [illegible], I shall not abandon it. [illegible] having used this method in prison, and outside, and on many many occasions, Try it. Depend on yourselves and if you only have courage enough, you will always conquer. But if, as when I was a child, you [illegible] you own [illegible] always rely on yourselves.

Friday June 10th. We marched about sun-down last night. we continued on the march until past two this morning I was so sleepy during the latter part of the march that I often fell asleep and would stumble against some of my comrades before I would wake. at last we ~~ca~~ bivouacked for the night or rather morning. I slept until a little after daylight. After breakfast we moved into the woods and stayed until in the afternoon. This is a beautiful woods and Hezekiah and I have been wandering through it during the day. After noon we reported to Army head quarters and were assigned to the Second Corps: reported to the Second corps head quarters and were added to the Second Division. We went into the woods awhile. the Captain went to find the division head quarters. When he returned we were permitted to lie down and sleep all night, this was a most welcome announcement

Saturday June 11th. I awoke just after daylight. Our brigade

lying in the front line, in plain view of the enemy rather not going to rest. Our advance line is here about forty rods from that of the enemy in this place & it is just more than a fourth of the [illegible]. Coleman came over to see us this morning. They [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] passed through our ditch. [illegible] [illegible] Fisher has [illegible].

This Old Jake as he is called is a man about 40 years of age. He was [illegible] a [illegible], and is [illegible] fond of smoking. He brought with him when he came into the service a family pipe of red pipe-stone. A shot broke his [illegible] pipe, and injured his jaw at the same time. He said, "I wouldn't a cared a d—mn if the [illegible] hadn't a broke my pipe."

Picket firing is going on all the time. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Sunday June 12th

We joined our old brigade last night. The [illegible] have been throwing a few shells [illegible] during the day, [illegible]

about forty rods to the right of our brigade. We have had a meeting to day which was more largely attended than such meetings were wont to be in more quiet times. Is it not possible; nay, extremely probable that this long continued battle which has now lasted more than a month, has had the effect to bring many to reflect on the uncertainty of human life?

I have observed more than once that some hardened sinners will cease swearing and become pensive on the approach of danger others become more reckless than ever. And one acknowledged to me that he prayed on entering the battle of Gettysburg.

But in those days when I was an atheist I never thought of such a thing but every battle which I have seen since I have become convinced of the existence of a Great God has had the effect to humble me.

One of the 4th Mich was here to day, an acquaintance of Hezekiahs, and gave us an account of the late battles. He says that the old

the soldiers have ordered to charge on some
steep works. The duty of an old soldier always
differs from that of a new recruit or he
reporter. The old soldiers tell us that many
of these charges have been useless slaughters
of men on works that could never be carried
by charge but could be easily flanked and
that the slaughtering thousands of men [illegible]
was at best useless. Now I believe this
is all true and moreover, about one year
ago I could believe that there never was
a better army than this. It is not so
now. We have badly degenerated though our
numbers are as nearly twice as great. I
verily believe that such an army as we
took to Gettysburg would beat us. Now
something has caused this, and that something
is that soldiers have seen slaughtered
as they have believed uselessly, the men
whether the slaughter was useless or not
they believe it to have been so and they
will not fight as they once [illegible].
The rebel Army is in much the same
condition, if either army can have another
field fight it will do well enough, but

neither will charge with any vigor. In truth we have not that spirit, vim, and determination that so characterized the army on the two preceding years. We are now under marching orders

Monday June 13th

Just after sundown last night we fell back into the least advanced of our lines of works and lay there until quite late in the night. In the mean times our troops in the advanced line of works were withdrawn and we all moved off toward our rear. I presume we are bound for the James. While we were laying in the works last night we had an opportunity to watch some mortar practice, the enemy were shelling a position of ours about a mile to the right of our brigade. Although we could rarely hear the mortar, yet the report of the shell was fully as heavy, and not unlike, that of a rifled 10 pounder. The course of the shells being nearly toward us their motion appeared very slow, something like the passing of a spark of fire. Just at daylight this morning there came near being a panic caused by so slight a thing as

a horse falling off a bank and [illegible] those who were more high [illegible] [illegible] so suddenly did likewise, and the whole succeeding [illegible] [illegible] manner. [illegible] [illegible] arise from [illegible] [illegible] this. A danger however great is not terrible if we know what it is, [illegible] unknown uncertain and mysterious nothing will often strike brave men with terror. There is a great difference between terror and fear. danger we calmly resolve to meet, but sudden mystery seizes us and unlinds our nerves and we are carried [illegible] it in spite of reason. As the dread of a snake is more terrible than that of any wild beast.

We arrived at Long Bridge [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] for a few [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] crossed the Chickahominy we found all some cypress I picked a few leaves and intend sending them to mother.[1] We guarded the rear and watched camp near Charles City C.H. [illegible]

[1] Carried these [illegible] through Andersonville Prison, brought them home, and gave them to Mother. Their imprint still remains in my old Diary. (1916.)

Tuesday June 14th.

We moved [illegible] this morning, Inson and I visited the [illegible], found it [illegible] empty. When our army passed [illegible] in [illegible] carried off all the records as relics. (See page 47) The country is very beautiful and is open. In August, 62 when we were here we [illegible] very [illegible] but now all is barren and desolate. In the afternoon we marched down to the James river, crossed on the U.S. Steam Transport Hellen Getty. while we were on the dock Gen Grant came off the boat passed through our battalion and mounted his horse near by; this is the first time I ever saw the Lieut. General. The country on the south side of the James is very [illegible] and [illegible] we passed one field of corn which [illegible] [illegible] have seen this year. We went out to the [illegible] [illegible] layed down in line of battle during the night. I was on guard we are in a thick pine under brush, (written on the 15)

Wednesday June 15th.

(~~Second~~ first day of siege)

[illegible] day will [illegible] remembered as the day on which Gen. Grant in command of the armies of the Republic sat down before Petersburg. [illegible] about 11 o'clock

[illegible] and about 11 [illegible] carried in [illegible] and [illegible] during the [illegible].

Second day of siege. Thursday June 16th

We dug rifle pits during the [illegible] part of last night. The works here are [illegible] darkies charged on this part of the line and took three lines of works and [illegible] no prisoners as they remembered the Fort Pillow massacre. Shelling and skirmishing has been continued at intervals during the day. I am very sleepy and tired [illegible] to lay [illegible] At about 6 [illegible] [illegible] distance at the [illegible], 4 P. M., there is a lull, we are as yet lying in reserve in our pits.

Third day of siege. Friday June 17th.

Raining.

Last night after dark I went in charge of a detail to draw rations and did not get back until one ~~am~~ A. M.

In the fight last night our forces drove the enemy out of two lines of pits: the enemy afterwards made [illegible] charges to drive our forces back [illegible] but were repulsed each time.

Evening
There has been hard fighting on the left to-day. It is said that Burnside was successful in taking three forts. late in the evening the enemy charged on our men but were again repulsed. There is a movement now going on but our brigade yet remains in the works. The indications are that we will charge to-morrow.

Saturday June 18th

Fourth day of siege

We massed before day-light this morning. charged but found the first line of works abandoned. We pushed forward about three fourths of a mile where we found them waiting for us we succeeded in driving them from this line also.

After a time our battalion was deployed as skirmishers and had some hot work. We got a position behind one of those old fence trenches peculiar to Virginia. But owing to the recklessness of our men we had two men killed and one officer and five men wounded. This was all needless but the old soldiers wanted to show the

recruits how brave th[illegible] and of course
the recruits were fanged to be as daring as
they. But alas! I know full well that
they will find work enough yet. When we
got this position the enemy held another
very close to it and also a little higher
ground. and besides this they had some
sharp shooters at some dist[illegible] to our right
who had a flanking fire on us. though
we were partly sheltered b[illegible] their fire
by the trees that grew along our fence
row. now had our men laid in the
trench to load and [illegible] only rose to
fire we would most likely have
driven them from their position without
loss. Our company acted more sensibly
than [illegible] other owing to the example
of Berdan Imstod and a few other
old so[illegible]. to whom the recruits look
for a pattern. But we had a sergeant
of course an old soldier but a fool hardy
wretch bound for a [illegible]ssion who
while showing his bravery in a very
foolish manner recieved a bullet in
his head. I could not say that it
[illegible] me much to see him fall,
for I reflected that we had better men

who were in danger of losing their lives by his rashness and [illegible], should he ever succeed in getting his commission He would be a tyrant and sacrifice the lives of his men for the sake of further advancement. Hence I tried to submit to the will of Providence when he fell.

However, We eventually drove them from their position and advancing occupied it ourselves. we are now within rifle shot of the City [illegible] there is a woods and a strong line of works between us and it. The 6th Corps charged on the right at the same time that we advanced and got the enemy's fence row. Also a charge was also made on a strong fort of the enemies just to our left but here was a most horrid and useless slaughter. The 6th Corps at the same time trying to gain the enemy's main works was also repulsed. This has been a [illegible] day, and while we have gained some ground we have lost many men. Capt. Farwell has been [illegible] all day. Our recruits have acted splendidly, but oh! if we were ever broken. I fear we can never rally.

We [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Gen. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],

Sunday June 19th.

5th [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]) [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] bayonets and plates [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from us and as we [illegible] a [illegible] fire on it it is our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] rifles and make the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there. Of course we cannot [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but we can make [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] we [illegible] had a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we could [illegible] take it. [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] up to the present [illegible] (6 [illegible] [illegible]) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible].

Monday [illegible] 20th

[illegible] Day [illegible].

The enemy have opened upon [illegible] us from their batteries across the Appomattox. After [illegible] us our batteries also engaged [illegible] part of the time, our firing [illegible] [illegible] than yesterday [illegible] [illegible] continue [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] while the 14th [illegible] which has a [illegible] fire on one of [illegible] [illegible] keeps up a continual musketade, this, [illegible] is very annoying [illegible] the [illegible] for [illegible] experience goes [illegible] that an enfilading fire is [illegible] to be dreaded. Just a citizen may understand this [illegible] [illegible], if [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] protect you [illegible] as the fire comes from that direction; but if the fire comes on your flank what is to protect you? Besides, a bullet coming [illegible] the enemy's front, if it [illegible] [illegible], it has [illegible], but if it comes on your flank, it will pass on [illegible] your lines and finally light among your men. Again, if it comes with force enough it may [illegible] more than one man. [illegible] [illegible] it a remark made

by one of our scouts today as [illegible] and heard [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a shell from their battery on our flank. He looked around with a disgusting countenance and relieved his mind as follows; "When I was in Minnesota, I could hear nothing but those [illegible] dollars [illegible]; but here I can hear [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]" We [illegible] [illegible] comrades in our battalion [illegible] [illegible] 6th Corps [illegible] [illegible] night [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] of the [illegible].

Tuesday June 21st.

Tenth day of siege.

As I am now [illegible] in a new phase of my [illegible] [illegible] I shall [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] my diary [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

"We were relieved from the trenches last night by a part of the 6th Corps, and slept from ten P.M. until late this morning. We had just pitched our tents this morning when the order came to "pack up," and we were soon on the march. The weather is [illegible] hot and the dust intolerable. Our sufferings are such as no citizen would believe could be borne. I have just made up my mind that one day of war is more to be dreaded than a whole age of ordinary ills. Our [illegible]

this I shall do all in [illegible] to the way
war. Just about 4 o'clock this afternoon
we came upon the enemy and lost
two men & sharpshooters [illegible]. I am sick of
war. If God spares me the [illegible]
[illegible] enemy, that first induced man to
[illegible] his fellow man? What giant
crime have those [illegible] for [illegible]
brought on this war, ~~Another~~ Tonight
another man wounded. Thus we are
going, not in the [illegible]
at [illegible], but steadily, [illegible]
and [illegible] the deadly [illegible]
our ranks. I was in [illegible]
and many [illegible] struck in front of
the [illegible] pit where I was lying. Our
men worked all night on the works."

I have copied the above from
my Diary to show that coming events
do sometimes cast their shadows
before. I shall [illegible] to again in [illegible]
of the 22nd. A day that will long be
remembered by me.

Wednesday June 18th
Eighth day of Siege

"We [illegible] left [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] by sharpshooters. A little afternoon the Company formed a [illegible] in [illegible] our pit, [illegible] [illegible] into a [illegible] and [illegible] forgotten [illegible] still [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible]"

Evening.

"We [illegible] for a few days. The enemy [illegible] the [illegible] flank of us [illegible] remaining in the [illegible] taken [illegible] prisoners. [illegible] described by [illegible] prisoners was carried out to the [illegible]. After we were [illegible] we were taken to [illegible] and there lodged in an old [illegible] building which was [illegible] you know what. Of course there was great rejoicing in [illegible] over the [illegible] of a few Yanks And [illegible] of our men [illegible] their [illegible] of the [illegible] amusing the [illegible] Three of our Company are with me."

Those are the words of my Diary. Now I will proceed to detail. On the 21st we

This began as [illegible] issued [illegible] and arrived in the evening. At [illegible] known as [illegible] [illegible] near the [illegible] road. Here our battalion advanced as skirmishers, having moved through a piece of woods we were in plain view of the enemy's position. Capt. Harrell was [illegible] somewhat intoxicated, we [illegible] position in the [illegible] and [illegible] pits were we remained all night. [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] the [illegible] in this move. About daylight [illegible] of artillery were brought up and took position on the left of our battalion and between it and the third brigade. As was [illegible] stated just on our right was a strong fort but there was no [illegible] firing toward us. During the entire forenoon, we could see the rebels digging away and preparing the fort for firing down our lines meanwhile a few rebel [illegible] were seen moving about in all direct at one time going to the right at another to the left but our right was threatened by this fort and the maneuvers seemed to indicate that they intended attacking us there. What were we doing all this time? were we acting like soldiers;

ie. A whiskey ration had been issued [illegible] of the officers and many of the soldiers were drunk. Capt. Fodnell [illegible] in him to make a [illegible] of him, for he it know he is a coward and can not have dances without whiskey [illegible] his nerves. But now, [illegible] filled with whiskey. He would hoist his feet above the breastworks. "Say Johnny, give me a flesher" meaning a flesh wound. I often wished from the [illegible] that they would send over a [illegible] in answer to his prayer and take his feet. Not for any malice I bore the fool but I knew that noble men were left to perish on his account. Again there was a General called for short Gen. Birney, who was in command of the Corps, who got his Major Generals straps some years since because his disobedience brought him to notice. He too was drunk as acted like a drunk man. Oh. It does my soul good to think that I can record these things now, and no superior officer can ~~say~~ order me to shut my mouth. Gen Birney giving orders to the colonel in

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] head, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]t." Now, if I were [illegible] the
[illegible] of a drunken man. this order was given
[in] a drunken man's voice. I turned to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] units and remarked. "It is
my opinion that brigade will not advance
far before it catches something." As I
can all [illegible] [illegible] of a[illegible] reverse
I given here. I [illegible] soldiers that
when the [illegible] [illegible] would run the
first fire, had I [illegible] my promise
it would have saved me many a
near [illegible] in [illegible]. Well sure enough
the brigade [illegible] [illegible] something the
enemy passed a couple of brigades around
its left (without a picket) and into
our rear, they then attacked the brigade
drove it back, [illegible] at the same time
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with renewed vigor on
our right and continued an attack in
that direction. [illegible] as the brigade
which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on our right [illegible]
back, and being in the woods hid
from our view, the [illegible] began to [illegible]

down our left flank. Then brave Horner [illegible] to his feet. "Boys they are flanking us!" and away he went without giving an order. [illegible] recruits and old soldiers soon followed [illegible] [illegible]. O, then I thought of the [illegible] and [illegible], he had stopped two similar stampedes and could do it again, but [illegible] what are we now, degenerate! A few recruits and forty old soldiers are not equal to 300 heroes like the old regiment. And, besides, our commander is a cowardly drunkard. Well when they all run I ran with [illegible]; but hearing a shout that the captain wanted [illegible] of his [illegible] (the [illegible] Art. [illegible]) [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] were [illegible] me and ~~[illegible]~~ we returned to the pit, fired a few shots. Bullets were still coming [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I remarked to [illegible] that [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. He said [illegible] knew [illegible] that. [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] something, but as I was [illegible] [illegible] my gun, I replied we can hold them or go to Richmond. His answer was "I'll die before I'll be taken prisoner" and I ~~expect~~ suppose he ran as he spoke, for when I was done loading

Praised my [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] in our Artillery [illegible] a few [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]. Pulled and [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] tell [illegible] [illegible] tell [illegible] me, "You [illegible] [illegible] that" [illegible] the [illegible], "[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] here [illegible] damned [illegible] [illegible]." [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] was 9 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Richmond, [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] made [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible];

Thursday June 23rd.

Well, I suppose the [illegible] of the [illegible], so far as I am individually concerned, has now come to an [illegible] [illegible]; And the next thing in order will be the history of my [illegible] [illegible].

We found a large [illegible] of [illegible] prisoners, ~~[illegible]~~ who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ who had gone [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Among them we found [illegible] of our battalion [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] names: Sergt Major Riddle [illegible] [illegible] Co. F. Sergt Dyer Co. D. [illegible] [illegible] Clark, Leonard, Reed, Alpers, and Kin[illegible] all of Co. ~~[illegible]~~ A. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Baker, Rider, Harvey, Co. F.

[illegible], Parker, Hamilton, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Tiacloff, and the ~~[illegible]~~ unmentioned [illegible] writer; of Co. [illegible].

We passed through Petersburg [illegible] morning. We sang "Rally around the Flag" [illegible] [illegible]. The women were in an ecstacy [illegible] over the Yankee Prisoners. But when we [illegible] for a [illegible], they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] without waiting to be asked for it. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] credit. The city [illegible] is [illegible] more pleasant, neater, and [illegible] ahead of most southern cities. One [illegible] feature of the city is [illegible]. It is [illegible] shaded than any other city it has been my [illegible], and this feature is [illegible] [illegible].

Our names have [illegible] taken. We are on a sort of island in the [illegible] in which we have bathed. We are in [illegible] of our Artillery. We are in all about 1,200. They have just called [illegible] [illegible] 500 who are to be sent to Richmond [illegible].

Friday June 24th.

About 3 o'clock this morning [illegible] where we took the cars, and miserable

dilapidated [illegible] means [illegible] are; [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible]; We [illegible] [illegible]
Richmond about 12 o'clock. Here a [illegible]
[illegible] rigid search is going on, and [illegible]
[illegible]. We [illegible]
[illegible] City. One [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible] side; [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible] not [illegible];")
At [illegible] time [illegible] I wrote [illegible]
[illegible] careful not to say anything against
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] Diary read it and confiscate it.
But the man, who was in command
[illegible] (Dick Turner I think) was [illegible]
biggest ruffian [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible], I was [illegible] charge [illegible]
pirate. [illegible]
[illegible] succeeded in [illegible]
[illegible] money. [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] would [illegible]
a $20 note. [illegible] putting [illegible]

on this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], others compelled [illegible] in this [illegible] [illegible] we had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] written [illegible] account of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible] was not [illegible] surprised when I talk of [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in prison.

Saturday [illegible] 25th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] half pint of bean soup with [illegible] of [illegible] in it. ([illegible] a fair [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] is the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] free. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible] making [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] Campaign. [illegible] names and places of birth were taken [illegible]. It is rumored that we are to be [illegible]. [illegible] be glad to get away from this place.

Sunday June 26th

I read in the Testament, I have come to the conclusion [illegible] a [illegible] each [illegible] at [illegible]. [illegible] God and [illegible] there were [illegible] We were [illegible] a good [illegible]. Read in the Testament and studied grammar. We are divided into [illegible] of fifty each [illegible] five [illegible].

Monday June 27th

Our rations of [illegible] not quite so [illegible]. I ate more soup but not so many [illegible] in it, [illegible] meat and [illegible]. I ate [illegible] rations at one meal and [illegible] twice as much. Our [illegible] was not [illegible] out [illegible] and [illegible] Uncle Sam's [illegible]. Read in the Testament and [illegible] grammar and [illegible].

Tuesday June 28th

"It rained last night and the [illegible] morning, afterwards the wind arose and [illegible]

but [illegible] for it is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
but [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
out of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]."

[illegible] [illegible] made [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
on the 27th [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 28th [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. On the [illegible] [illegible] a
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a ditch
and [illegible] the camp there was a [illegible] [illegible]
to the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the ditch was a
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a stick for a gun, crawl under the [illegible]
and wait until the guard was [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] out behind the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the guard, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
fall out [illegible] [illegible] we would [illegible] the
guard [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] us out times. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] another [illegible]
night. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] seen [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] another [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] 24th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and no water. We [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
having [illegible] about 18 hours [illegible] the way.

Thursday June 30th

[illegible] We did not get off the cars until daylight this morning. We [illegible] [illegible] over to an island and are here yet. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] read, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. One of the prisoners [illegible] [illegible] the cars last night and though [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fired at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Thursday June 30th, Evening

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] crackers, if there are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we could [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of time. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], & if a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

W[illegible] L[illegible] 4 [illegible] M.
As we marched through [illegible]
[illegible] everything is a dirty [illegible]
[illegible] and rough. [illegible]
[illegible] mountains and hills. There are a
great many hospitals here. Several of them
are filled with wounded from our army.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible], what it was before the war,
[I] know not. It appears that Gen Hunter
in his late advance crossed [illegible]
side of the James and approached [illegible]
a mile and a half of town. We [illegible]
[illegible] to-day where some of the [illegible]
had taken place. I have read some in
[illegible] Testament to-day.

Friday July 1st 1864

~~[illegible] night in a fine little~~ We camped
last night in a fine little valley
[illegible] 5 miles from ~~Petersburg~~ Lynchburg. The country
which we passed on the evening of the 30th and
the morning of the 1st was hilly and
mountainous resembling Loudon Valley. In
the afternoon to-day the country became more level.
Some of the scenery is beautiful. The land [illegible]
[illegible] poor. We camped at night on the Stanton
River. Distance marched 20 miles.
The Stanton river is a narrow rapid, clear,
and beautiful mountain stream here,
and we had a nice bath in its delightful
waters.

Saturday July 2d 1864. "We marched
about 20 miles, and camped in a wheat field
we moved so fast that the [illegible] cavalry
[illegible] that they were obliged to [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] soldiers. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] water."

In these days I was again [illegible]
[illegible], When we would stop in the [illegible]
[illegible] by picking huckle berries, as I
[illegible] a certain [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] he kept his eye on me [illegible]
[illegible] such occasions.

Sunday July 3d. We marched
about 15 miles to day, passed through
[illegible] C. H. a [illegible] [illegible]
village. We have [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for the last two [illegible] I think.
I had the hardest [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in my experience. It was
with a [illegible] [illegible] the 4th Vermont

I was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], perhaps [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] might be satisfying me. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that I [illegible] is a [illegible], but that is a name for which I have no regard and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of that stripe [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a little quicker [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] character.

Danville July 4th

We arrived here to-day and were crowded into prisons. The [illegible] is situated on a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. We have not [illegible] any rations yet & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] were [illegible] 4 [illegible] a [illegible] was to [illegible] [illegible] night. We [illegible] marched about 16 miles to-day. Mr. [illegible] gave out to-day. I guess we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] we will [illegible] rations [illegible] [illegible].

Danville July 5th

Morning. We [illegible] [illegible] and meat [illegible] night after dark [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] quality [illegible] that [illegible] be issued at either [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and again this morning we received [illegible], as our march is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the report that [illegible]

our men [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] were
fired at [illegible] I guess none were hit. The
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Evening Tuesday July 5th

"We [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a very pleasant [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] in the pleasant [illegible] [illegible]
Grammar."

~~[illegible]~~ As I sat on the [illegible] a [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] pleasure stole over me and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] home. I know not
it was [illegible] I have [illegible] felt [illegible]
and quiet [illegible] in all my life, [illegible]
it was given in mercy as a [illegible]
the weary months [illegible] were [illegible].
Later in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. The car was so [illegible] and
they [illegible] so [illegible] that I expected [illegible]
minute to [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible], but [illegible] it
was we came ~~[illegible]~~ safely through [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~ Greenstreet, where we took [illegible]
[illegible] for Charlotte.

Wednesday July 6th

~~[illegible]~~ in ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible]. We
arrived in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and
here we are bivouaced and waiting [illegible]
"Kears" as the "guards" call them. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] rations of [illegible]
bread and [illegible].

Tuesday [illegible] 7th

We were aroused up about midnight last night, and crowded into the cars but we did not leave [illegible] until eight this morning. We traveled from Waynesboro to Columbia. This day has been wretched enough, we have had a guard over us who has never seen the front, and who takes delight in the sufferings of a yank. We have been crowded so thick that we were obliged to stand or sit with our legs drawn up so close that we could not rest. Besides, we have suffered for water. We had on our car a ~~new~~ recruit named John about 6 feet 10 inches high, a green Pennsylvanian. While our tired limbs were aching and we were all naturally longing for an opportunity to expand them, John with the most doleful look of dispair and a tone of the deepest agony that seemed to come from the foundation of his heart groaned out, "Oh I do *wish* I was out on a nice green grass plot. I'd just *sprawl* out." Our woes were forgotten for a moment and a roar of laughter burst from every one in the car. At length all was hushed again, and all turned looking into the [illegible] prospect before

us! not a word had been spoken for an hour [illegible] John again opened out, "Oh! boys you have no idea how I have suffered!!" Another roar of laughter succeeded. John looked around [illegible] an injured air as though he thought we enjoyed his sufferings. But the idea was truly laughable that we who were suffering the same evils as he could form no conception of his woes.

Friday July 8th "We changed cars about midnight ~~to~~ last night and to-day we came to Augusta Ga." [illegible] on the 8th we had some water and eat no more until [illegible] o'clock in the morning of the ~~8th~~ 9th though the weather is excessively hot and we were crowded as thick as could be in the cars. (Chicaly)

Sunday July 10th "We passed through Macon this morning [illegible] and arrived in camp at Albany

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By mistake I have left out the 9th
On the 9th we lay in Augusta during the fore part of the day. And drank water to excess. After we arrived in Augusta we were permitted to "Sprawl" on ~~the~~ [illegible] much desired "Grass plot." It [illegible] to me on the 9th that I could drink water all the time and [illegible] thirsty.

about noon. Found Sam Stiles in the Prison which is a miserable place indeed. We were formed into hundreds before we were taken inside the stockade, as our names were all to be taken this required some hours and as we stood in the hot sun some over sixty fell in the ranks from exhaustion and the heat of the sun.

And now for a few words about Andersonville Prison, or Camp Sumpter. Imagine a stockade of pine logs cut twenty feet long five feet in the ground, and fifteen above the ground, this stockade is a little over 80 rods long and a little over 40 rods wide, in all perhaps it contains 23 acres about 5 acres on the south end. (the stockade being longest from north to south) is habitable this 5 acres is sandy. There runs a creek through ~~this~~ the prison from ~~east~~ west, to east, the valley of this creek is swampy and springy. along each of its margins have been dug wells, In many of these wells there are maggots but in some there is pretty good water The swamp is the receptacle of the greater part of the filth of the camp and can be better imagined than described

the Summit contains 5 acres

Suffice it to say that it is six inches deep in filth and covered with maggots continually.

In the creek at all hours may be seen hundreds of skeletons bathing. The ground, about 15 acres, on the north side is higher and is clay. About a rod from the stockade Running round the camp is a line significantly called "the "dead line", which bids fair to become famous in [illegible] As it now stands is a pine board about 3 inches wide nailed on the top of stakes about two and a half feet high. Any one going between it and the stockade, is shot without warning, many times it is broken down and then prisoners coming in carelessly stray over and are shot. Others going insane and becoming tired of life go over on purpose to lose their lives. When I first came into prison, I came near losing my life in the same way that others have done, as the prison was crowded, and seeing an open space, the railing being broken, I started to go over there, but fortunately one of the old prisoners called to me and warned me in time.

There is a market place in the prison at the north gate. and also a small one at the south gate. The north gate is in the west side of the stockade just on the hill as you go north from the creek; the south gate is also on the west side of the stockade just as you go south from the creek. We have a regular police force court

which was organized in consequence of robbers and murders having leagued together to raid on their more [illegible] neighbors.

[illegible] a few weeks before I entered the prison a man was murdered, and it was no uncommon thing for a man to be knocked down and robbed in open daylight. Six of these murders were hung on the 11th [illegible]

[illegible] to the market at almost any time of day but especially just after rations have been issued and you will see a sight that beggars description. every conceivable thing from a tent pole to a ration of meat, is offered for sale in such language as [illegible]: "Who wants to buy the meat? Who wants a another glass of the nice sour beer? plenty of pepper sauce in it. Who wants a tent pole? who has a ration of [illegible] to trade for a ration of meat? Who wants to buy the comb? who wants to buy the tin cup? Who wants to buy the wood? And innumerable other offers; [illegible], tobacco, buttons, needles, thread, blankets [illegible], pens, ink, paper envelopes, postage stamps, and confederate money. Besides this market we have regular merchants

Who offer, potatoes, apples, peaches, biscuit,
tomatoes, eggs, pies, peas, and various other
articles too numerous to mention, all at the
lowest cash prices." And there is [illegible]
more money in prison than one would think.
These rich merchants and the police, form
a sort of Aristocracy and hold communion
with the rebels for the purpose of trade.
After these remarks, I presume my Diary
will be understood. and I now proceed
with it

Monday July 11th.

I lay
around and read in the Testament.
Six ruffians were hung for murder
They had been tried by an impartial jury
of prisoners just arrived, found guilty
and sentenced to death and were hung
just east of the tenth gate within
the stockade. It has been raining
to-day, and [illegible] us have but two small
[illegible] and [illegible] pieces about 6 feet wide
for shelter. There are now about 30.000
in this prison and deaths average over
100 per diem.

Tuesday [illegible] 12. [illegible]
[illegible] and consequently [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
Farm [illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] are [illegible], diarrhea and
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] are
[illegible]

Wednesday [illegible] 10. [illegible]
around, [illegible] When
[illegible]
[illegible] all over you and [illegible]
[illegible]

Thursday [illegible]
The [illegible]
[illegible] day. Can't be [illegible] are making a [illegible]
in [illegible] direction, [illegible]
[illegible]

Friday 15th
Read the Testament.
Saturday 16th

Read the Testament.
Sunday [illegible]
I read in the Testament. Some of the
[illegible] [illegible] tried to dig out and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a T
of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
was caught by our [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and a big T branded on
his [illegible] And he was [illegible] and
[illegible] all over the prison [illegible] where
he went [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] could not [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in a [illegible] and taken [illegible]
out.
[illegible] [illegible]
Read in the Testament. [illegible]

[illegible]

Friday [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Read in the [illegible] [illegible] amendment [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] again [illegible] [illegible].

Read in the [illegible] amendment and [illegible] [illegible].

Thursday [illegible] 28th

Mr. [illegible] [illegible] at Lynchburg, [illegible] [illegible]

camp to-day. A large number
came in from
... out of these
every time new prisoners arrive lest we
could get word out to them, and
camp. They fired shot over our
to-day in order to intimidate us, which
only had the effect of scaring
.. militia guards till they nearly
jumped off of their stands, and
these stands I neglected to state
... of the prison
... rods around the stockade is a
... or stand raised above the top
of the stockade from
... p. it is approached
a stair from the out side of the stockade.
Friday ... 26th
... 1 6 6 ... Fr...
... here
prisoners came in
with an arm off and the
not healed!! This is all
... here to ...
air and lie on this prison soil
without blankets, almost without clothing,
by men who prate about civilized warfare
and call us Vandals, who feed and

and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible],

Saturday [illegible]

Read [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sunday [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
It is Monday, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
an almanac [illegible] [illegible] it is [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
One [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and any one [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible],
I read in the [illegible],

[illegible] Aug 1st 1864.

[illegible] is a [illegible] of talk about parole, men are always starting rumors of any thing they greatly desire. Read in the Testament, Rained [illegible].

Tuesday Aug 2nd.

It rained hard to-day. Some of [illegible] and Cavalry were brought in to-day [illegible] making a raid to [illegible]. Read in the Testament.

Wednesday Aug 3rd.

They are removing some of the sick. More of [illegible] were brought in.

Thursday Aug 4th.

Read in the Testament. More reports about paroles [illegible] and they have removed [illegible] of the sick.

Friday Aug. 5th.

Read in the Testament.

Saturday Aug 6th.

Read Psalms and [illegible] an extra ration of meat [illegible] rations here [illegible] one pint of corn meal and two ounces of [illegible]

we [illegible]. Sex [illegible] [illegible] is a piece [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] 7th.

Read [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. There are great rumors of war [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] 8th.

Read [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] 9th.

Read [illegible]." One of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] six inches [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we were crowded.
Besides this a spring [illegible] [illegible] between the
"[illegible] [illegible]" and the [illegible] just south
of the [illegible] Gate. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] enough for
50 [illegible] men. On [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible].

Wednesday May [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Friday [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], true, and [illegible] [illegible].

Friday Aug. 6th

Read [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Saturday Aug. 7th

Read [illegible] [illegible] more [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible]

Sunday Aug. 8th

Read [illegible] [illegible] more [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of it [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible])

Monday Aug. 9th

"Read [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] misses

Tuesday Aug. 10th

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] lay rotting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Wednesday, Aug. 4th.

"[illegible] [illegible], "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] maggots [illegible] [illegible] and flies. Continually [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] around, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Here are [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] turned [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and rotting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], others naked and covered with [illegible]. Here again between the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the dead [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] these [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] into [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his grave. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. And when we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. And rather [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the privilege of [illegible] [illegible] out, that [illegible] might [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] out. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] value [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. And [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] selfish [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will not humble the heart of man, it is proud indeed. And [illegible]

at [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] whole [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in one of these [illegible] pictures, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] intelligence. I presume [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Thursday [illegible] 8th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for a few days [illegible] that the reader may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Bread [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] one [illegible] of cooked [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 20 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] I don't know [illegible] it is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 10 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 10 cts. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 25 cts [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

30 [illegible] 40 [illegible], [illegible] 5 [illegible]
[illegible], corn [illegible] 5 [illegible]
[illegible] 50 [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] 25 [illegible].
[illegible] $1.00 [illegible]
[illegible] 50 [illegible] "
[illegible]
at [illegible]. Confederate money [illegible]
[illegible] here at present. [illegible]
[illegible] 1 one dollar greenback [illegible]
the confederate, Outside [illegible]
[illegible] to me.
I read [illegible]

Friday Aug 1[illegible]

[illegible] again to day
[illegible] "Do [illegible] want to buy?" [illegible]
[illegible] scrimmage about to-day
I saw a [illegible] hanging in the
creek he was [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] had [illegible] him. And when
I took hold of him to [illegible] him;
he [illegible] stared at me, with that [illegible]
look. And as though he thought I was
wronging him, in an injured, pitiful,
complaining tone, asked me to let him

alone. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] (2) [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] 2[illegible]

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] again [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] Aug [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to-day.

Monday Aug 22[illegible]

Three years ago to-day [illegible] [illegible] into [illegible] [illegible] service, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I read in the Testament.

Tuesday Aug 23[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a good [illegible] [illegible] with the guard [illegible] read the Testament.

[illegible] 27th & 28th Read in Testament

[illegible] Aug 29th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] received [illegible]. Read in the Testament.

[illegible] Aug 30th

Read in the Testament.

Wednesday Aug 31st

"Read in the Testament. The trade now [illegible] between the prisoners and the guard. [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] this trade the guards have at last got their eyes open and notwithstanding [illegible] [illegible] orders against [illegible] talk with the prisoners."

[illegible] trade was [illegible] beneficial to the prisoners in many ways. One was that the guards were allowed to let the prisoners come [illegible] [illegible] trade [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] although their orders remained the same. And another was that our individuals

[illegible] no [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
I was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
unable to walk when I got [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] able in a few days [illegible] [illegible]
went on canes.

Thursday Sept 1st 1864

Read in The Testament and visited
the boys belonging to the [illegible] [illegible]

Friday Sept 2nd.

Read in the Testament, and visited
the boys belonging to the 2d [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]
from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Saturday Sept 3rd.

Read in the Testament. Rumors
of a battle on the old field of Fair Oaks.

Sunday Sept 4th.

Read in the Testament, there are
rumors of fighting [illegible] [illegible].

Monday Sept 5th

Some prisoners came in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], If [illegible] moves in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. There are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I Read in the Testament.

Tuesday Sept 6th

read in the Testament. Eighteen detachments to receive orders to be ready to move [illegible] at a moments notice. A detachment consists of 270 men ~~and~~ which are divided into three messes each of 90 men. there are 118 detachments in the prison, making in all [illegible] over 30,000 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fully 5,000 have no species of shelter whatever. This movement is said [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Sept 7th

[illegible] [illegible]

I read in the Testament.

After this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] until on the 15th [illegible] accident on the Rail Road [illegible]

the movement. Those who were on the [illegible] to which this accident happened were allowed to run about in the corn fields and cane brakes. Yet so strong was [illegible] impression that it was an exchange [illegible] no attempt was made to escape. [illegible] soon returned into prison and when after [illegible] one of them [illegible] the circumstance I remarked that I should have made a strike for liberty he called me a "damned fool" "When you know you will be exchanged in a few days [illegible] run the chances of getting to our lines" I told him that I didn't know certain that I would be exchanged in a few days. "Well then you are a d—d damned fool."

But about this time two thousand were exchanged with Sherman.

About the 18th matters began [illegible] [illegible] at the same time it began to rain, [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] it set in and rained a cold drizzly rain at times and hard times [illegible] other until the 24th the 25th it came cold, I now took a cold and my throat was very sore.

Monday Sept 25th

"Wonderful cold last night. [illegible] gums are all [illegible]

out with scurvy" [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the 26th and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] more [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] remained in Anderson 27th and 28th
they removed more prisoners.

Thursday Sept 29th
"[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with scurvy"

Friday Sept 30
"As usual nothing but [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]."

Saturday Oct 1st 1864.
"Here we [illegible] in our misery"

On the 2d of Oct. I began reading a book called a Description of Asia Another called Country Cousins" and another called "Least [illegible] from Sunny side". In these I found great [illegible] though "my gums" pained me [illegible]. All the Prisoners on the [illegible] side of the creek and many on the [illegible] side had left. On the night of the 7th we were to [illegible] but [illegible] we now suffered greatly from the [illegible] all the wood [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and it was [illegible]. and old [illegible]

out shoes were burned. we [illegible]oes make a very hot fire. On the 9th We were reorganized and prepared [illegible] remain in Anderson during the winter.

On the 11th The 14th and 15th [illegible], were brought in from Shermans army we had now been 3 months in Anderson and were suffering intensely from the cold

There were now about 5000 in the prison and the big spring would supply us with water, four or five sheds had been built near the north end of the stockade. this they called the hospital but I should call it the "hostile" But here the sick were all [illegible]" [illegible] drew some biscuit a very small allowance and some rice soup. Hood had begun his great movement and the Rebel papers were boastful [illegible] [illegible] out of Shermans retreat. It was [illegible] to capture a whole army. but [illegible] were sure of all his [illegible], The rebels now allowed five men from each hundred to go out once a day for wood. This was about the 15th, and we suffered less with the cold.

On the 18th I got hold of Robinson

trusse, [illegible] I [illegible] ed [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] if I had [illegible] it [illegible], [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] stay on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] had got material [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] building a [illegible] according [illegible] work and [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] one in [illegible]. Having [illegible] our work we were [illegible] congratulating ourselves that as we were [illegible] in [illegible], we would have a chance to [illegible] send a man out for wood [illegible] [illegible] and that our chances were [illegible] of surviving the winter [illegible] on the 30 we received orders to be ready to [illegible] and on the 31st early in the morning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] stockade. As we went out [illegible] one of our colored soldiers [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] order of Capt. [illegible]. [illegible] crime was that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and had forged a pass. (Be it understood that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] negro prisoners as [illegible] out [illegible])

they were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible]
he [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
not an advocate of Capital [illegible]
but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I can [illegible] the death of [illegible] [illegible] as
[illegible] with Christian resignation
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] we were [illegible] [illegible] in another
[illegible] without a stick of wood.
We suffered intense. A rain set in and
[illegible] [illegible] the 4th when the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cold. On the [illegible] we
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and five of us began
and dug a hole, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] miserable [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Every [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] we [illegible] to patch
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a small [illegible]
canvass which one of the [illegible] had.

Saturday, Nov 5th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for wood. And as [illegible]

[illegible] were [illegible]
[illegible] would [illegible] ait [illegible]
at [illegible] gate when [illegible] were
[illegible] out and we [illegible] and
when a name was called and [illegible] was
[illegible]
"[illegible]"! and go out in his [illegible] in
this manner one of our boys on the
[illegible] got a load of pine [illegible], and I
[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible]" as we called it
and got more [illegible]
[illegible]. In this way [illegible] the
15th we had [illegible] enough to cover our [illegible]. Besides,
we had a large pile of pine [illegible]
to burn and were [illegible]
that we should yet be able to defy the
winter. We [illegible] time,
[illegible] a very [illegible] the
[illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible]. On the [illegible] we
[illegible] and out of 4080
votes, Lincoln received 934 majority

[illegible] and [illegible].

One day [illegible] on the market [illegible] the [illegible] when I saw a "[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] about "[illegible] [illegible] to buy the [illegible] of [illegible]? only 50 cts." as a [illegible] was worth ten cents, I [illegible] that [illegible] was [illegible] extraordinary [illegible] or he would not offer so cheap [illegible] no money. I followed him at a distance [illegible] that he would soon find a purchaser. I did not wait long before a man bought his [illegible], [illegible] he started [illegible] as a quick [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and looked like a statue for about two minutes, then [illegible] and started for the [illegible] and [illegible] looked around [illegible] the [illegible].

I saw a similar case in Anderson in which a boy sold a [illegible] for 50 cts. that was worth 15 and bought a stick of molasses candy with the money [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible]" were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], "[illegible] if that were the [illegible] instinct [illegible] [illegible] them and [illegible] among the process.

On Monday the 21st of Nov. we left the stockade about one A.M. in a hard rain storm and after a great amount of crowding and [illegible] we got aboard the cars [illegible] received a cracker and a half [illegible] pound of fresh beef. We arrived in [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] remained there until eight or nine o'clock, and then [illegible] cars down the Gulf R.R. It was a [illegible] rainy, cold, and gloomy night And as we rolled along we suffered [illegible] from the [illegible] winds, And as [illegible] into the [illegible] and [illegible] fires I must own that a feeling of [illegible] stole into my breast. At last we stopped on the morning of the 22nd eighty eight miles [illegible]

of Savannah at a place called Black
shear [illegible] Station.
Tuesday Nov 22d. "Staying by the
side of the railroad in the [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] nothing to eat.) The weather is
clear, cold, and windy. [illegible]
[illegible] are [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I have no blanket [illegible] In
[illegible] one shirt that I can wear and that is
more than a year old, no socks [illegible]
[illegible] to have a good pair
of shoes."
On the 23d we got a ration
of bread after 54 hours without anything to
eat. Weather continued clear, cold, and
windy until about the 1st of Dec. On
the 24th [illegible] we moved out into
the woods. On the 26th they took
out a thousand prisoners and [illegible]
them. But I have since learned that
they were sent to South Carolina and
[illegible]. On the [illegible] another
thousand went out but returned on the
[illegible] of December. they returned after being

teen as far as Savannah they report Sherman within 30 miles of that City and that Burnside has cut the Rail road between Charleston and Savannah. The weather was beautiful during the latter part of our stay at Blackshear. There also came [illegible] and [illegible] could draw a shirt or pair of pants, or blanket but none could draw more than one garment. Of course this benefited [illegible] few. I tried while here to arouse our men to charge the rebel camps, as we could take them easily and march through to Brunswick only 60 miles distant, failing in this I tried to get some one who had a blanket to run away with me. In this I also failed, as you will do gentle reader when you attempt to raise men to action for they will not act. Had I known at that time what I afterwards learned I should

[illegible] made [illegible]
[illegible] being retaken and should I [illegible]
[illegible] other prison without a blanket I
must perish. Hence I was for once
in my life "Conservative" and "remained
in hot water lest I should be scald."
Forgive me, o the reader, this weakness
and I promise you on my sacred honor
to always henceforward to be "Radical."
If there is any thing I mortally abhor
it is "Conservatism." And I can call
my [illegible] weakness [illegible] on this occasion
by no other name. Well [illegible]
[illegible] and on the 11th of December we were
all crowded aboard ~~flat~~ cars 85 men
in one small car thus like brutes we
were rolled to Thomasville where we arrived
on the 12th and a miserably cold time
we had of it. And although we arrived
at 3 A. M. it was about noon before
we could get any wood to burn.
About the 16th I saw a rebel paper
it told of fighting and raiding near
Savannah, fighting near Nashville
and claiming rebel victory. On the

17th We received two days ration of hard bread with a caution to keep them on hand, and on the 19th we left Thomasville marched in a northerly direction crossed the Ockolockonee River and camped after having marched about 10 miles. The weather was now like summer. On the 20th it rained and on the 21st it turned cold and continued so during the rest of our march which ended on the 23d at Albany Ga where we got aboard the cars and were safe in Old Camp Sumpter Anderson on the 24th During this march we often waded water over our knees and then the cold wind would strike us with a chilling effect. On the night of the 22d. Mr Peter Berg escaped. Again our days were very gloomy rain often

ered in [illegible] always [illegible]
men would [illegible] was cold [illegible] in
which the mind would [illegible]
of [illegible] garments [illegible]
with an effect that was by no means
pleasant. Here my [illegible]
[illegible] you will not [illegible]
These were times of the [illegible] suffering.
Reader [illegible]
the most [illegible] beating rain falls in
winter just stand it [illegible]
[illegible]
a [illegible] in [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] rain [illegible]
a while at a time, and when [illegible]
[illegible] with a [illegible]
[illegible] perhaps you can form some idea
of our sufferings. The great noise in
the north has been about [illegible]
in these prisons as [illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible] worst features. The starvation was a light matter compared to our other sufferings, and it was bad enough, 'tis true. "Our bread was such as captives tears
Have moistened many a thousand years
Since man first pent his fellow men
Like brutes within an iron den."
Yet this was light compared to the loss of our liberty and the cold and bitter storms that beat on our worn [illegible]. Let any one who complains at his lot, but think for a moment and be content. Whenever I am inclined to gloom, I think of those days and laugh at all present trouble.

My jaws having recovered from the scurvy I had a most voracious appetite and I could grind a bone to pieces in my teeth. I have since adopted the theory that hunger strengthens the muscles

of the jaw. His [illegible]
strong jaws and excellent teeth. I knew it
could not now make any impression on a
one which I could then crush in my
teeth with ease. When we [illegible]
[illegible] we sometimes got a [illegible] and of
course it would not do to waste it [illegible]
we must eat it. On the 24th
4th of January I was admitted to
the shed called hospital which was
in the north end of the stockade.
I now had the rheumatism and suffered
constantly from it. But these miserable
barracks and the short rations [illegible]
were worse than with the boys in camp
[illegible] I returned to camp
and succeeded in trading my shoes for
a miserable old blanket. And [illegible]
of house and home I got into a [illegible]
with Sam Graves. Since we have each in
his turn saved the other's life. During
January many took the oath of allegiance

to the rebels, do you blame them, ready? [illegible] 24th. One [illegible] Baker [illegible] to our [illegible] and once went to the gate [illegible] but came back with [illegible] and said when [illegible] he couldn't do it, "can't," he said, "he was weak." [illegible] he was as daring a man as ever lead a [illegible], and a man of iron nerve [illegible] and [illegible]. Let none dare call this man weak because he couldn't [illegible]. He perished a victim to rebel cruelty and his own [illegible]. He perished for you and me reader. Let us honor the name of ~~Abram~~ James Baker.

On the 19th of February 100 prisoners came in from Tennessee. They reported Hood's Army as nearly annihilated.

Reports [illegible], poured upon us, [illegible] served [illegible] our hearts and cheer our sad condition. From the 25th of Feb. until the 5th [illegible] we had a continuous rain. Then came more reliable reports about an exchange than any [illegible] had [illegible] to come to us. accompanied with an increase of rations, until we finally got over a [illegible] of meal a day and ~~half~~ a pound of beef or half pound of pork. Now while I was congratulating myself on having lived through the winter [illegible] eighteen days and would soon be exchanged I suddenly took the diarrhea which afterward changed into the flux [illegible] then on the 10th of March. This [illegible] me to the point of death for [illegible] days I could not walk three rods, [illegible] I took such abuse as dying men were wont to take in that den of devils "Nameless here forever more," shall [illegible] those who abused me, I merely write it that those at home may know the manner of nearly every prisoners death who perished in Andersonville.

One used such language as the following "By G-d if I was as helpless as you I'd kill myself." Another threatened [illegible], but what can you expect of a man who will quarrel with, and curse his brother about a piece of bread. I was on the point of death but like [illegible] die, yet I always [illegible] my time [illegible] such abuses aroused my indignation.

In fact from the time we got back to Andersonville during all the rest of my imprisonment I was weak and crippled with rheumatism which subjected me to similar abuses to. On one occassion I was struck in the back with a stick of wood By a little but [illegible] Missourian I caught him and [illegible] him until he abandoned fighting. I dared not strike him for should I whip him, no matter how just the cause, he being smaller than I would be sufficient reason for

some one to take it up and should he be whipped another would take his place and thus the big one would eventually get the worst of it. So I just held him till this rage passed over and let him go though he needed a whipping very badly. On the 17th of March they took out the first lot of prisoners those went to Vicksburg. they were generally such as could raise money enough to buy the first chance out. I of course could not come near it read and this I look upon, as saving the fact of my life being spared through that spell of sickness, as the first of a vast number of the most wonderful interpositions of Providence in my favor. Why he interposed in favor of one so unworthy I know not but read the following narrative and see if it does not look like the hand of God. Most of those prisoners that bought out were the ones blown up on the Sultana. Well finally on the

5th of April we left the Stockade I presume rather that it was on the 6th at any rate [illegible] diary was one day behind the real time when we reached our ~~lines~~ gunboats. On the [illegible] we [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] in the cars. [illegible] is [illegible] worth visiting. [illegible] across it and it [illegible] in a most magnificent manner! It is of an indigo blue to all appearences [illegible] look into it but on dipping it up it is as clear as you could wish and very good to the taste. A [illegible] wide and [illegible] from it. On the 8th we [illegible] the spring and marched about 15 miles. Of course I was unable to keep up with the column. But while the column would be resting I by keeping a regular pace I would overtake it. One of the fellows who had often abused me [illegible], since I had been sick, now

|| remarked. "Bond's as resolute as an old cow." This [illegible] me but I knew

that he had never faced one [illegible] what I had faced, and I held him in the [illegible] supreme contempt. But notwithstanding the irritation with which these insults inspired me, I was not able to keep up after noon, and when I began to lag a rebel guard threatened to bayonet me; however, finding that [illegible] into a faster gait he left me and I was taken up in one of the wagons.

The Escape

Saturday April 8th

"We march about fifteen miles; turn back; and I give them the slip."

Then, after I had got into one of the sick wagons [illegible] down, an order was received to return to Andersonville. It was now warm weather and I no longer feared perishing from cold, should I be retaken and separated from my companions. As soon as we turned back I resolved to escape or make a "glorious failure." And when I thought of "Reid's" [illegible] "as [illegible] as an old cow" I was more than confirmed in my [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] though so desirable the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] courage to attempt. [illegible] [illegible] mode of proceeding. I was at that time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as it [illegible] dark*, hence, it would be a dangerous business [illegible] the guard, especially as I could not run even as fast as an "old cow". Nevertheless I had resolved that this should be [illegible] imprisonment. I pondered on on some plan to deceive

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* Many prisoners, myself included, had, through weakness, become affected with what we soldiers called "moon-blindness." I could seemingly see as well as ever by daylight but was almost totally blind at night. The moon was nearly full. In fact I know it was full two nights later because it was then eclipsed. But moonshine is very little better than total darkness to one so afflicted. One can see a fire light at a distance. This was a useful fact to me that night.

[illegible] And [illegible] station [illegible] [illegible] Providence [illegible] the desired [illegible] and [illegible] suppose [illegible] to graze [illegible] ahead [illegible] into camp. [illegible] knowing [illegible] of the road [illegible] wood [illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible] good [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] necessary [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] nature, and
[illegible]
[illegible]
and [illegible] to [illegible] down
[illegible] up again in this way it was
[illegible] side of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] me, [illegible]
[illegible] the road and
[illegible] away
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
or four months after they left. [illegible]
being [illegible] I had in my
dreams, at the time, [illegible] on my
mind. [illegible]
[illegible] telling me a [illegible]
[illegible] near me [illegible]
[illegible]) [illegible] are [illegible]
[illegible] and me, [illegible]
[illegible]
and [illegible] go, [illegible]
one of [illegible] passed [illegible]
[illegible] one said, "[illegible] kill [illegible]
kill 'em [illegible] along." [illegible]
I [illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible] without making [illegible] and
[illegible] the head [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] compelled to "[illegible]" and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] much [illegible]
[illegible] father [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible]

[illegible]

was seen floating down the river. By [illegible] I
soon found out so weak that I was compelled
to [illegible] all the time that a good [illegible] was
passed swamping. [illegible] had no [illegible]
to attend to steering it, besides, as I [illegible],
I was so blind that I could not [illegible] [illegible]
ahead. Nevertheless [illegible] the [illegible] I was
permitted to [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] proper I turned in [illegible], just [illegible] midnight
I [illegible] to a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and the
[illegible] that was [illegible] around the [illegible] [illegible] was
taking my boat [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] knocked in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
I came to an island in the river which was
covered with [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] water
[illegible] at the end of this island was a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in the mud at the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] of my boat [illegible] the [illegible] and the [illegible]
[illegible] around against the [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] water with the [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] my paddle

[illegible]

[illegible] the river the distance was [illegible] [illegible]
the current was rapid, and I was [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the water [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible], it was [illegible]
[illegible] it [illegible] to reach the other [illegible] [illegible]
reach it, it required [illegible] almost [illegible] [illegible]
the bank. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
plantation and started [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a colored
woman [illegible] [illegible] the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
her [illegible] [illegible] I was a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
down [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
on the [illegible] [illegible] of the river and [illegible] [illegible] bank
I had [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
was an [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that distance up the

river. One of [illegible] agreed to [illegible] it [illegible] to [illegible] the other side [illegible] river [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] found [illegible] next [illegible] [illegible] standing [illegible] ~~ive~~ [illegible] prepared and [illegible] I remained [illegible] [illegible] was attacked with [illegible] that [illegible] might [illegible] the other [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] place where [illegible] the other [illegible] was [illegible] I resolved to [illegible] examined [illegible] but it proved [illegible] right [illegible] the other and [illegible] in possession of a [illegible] and to [illegible] the river [illegible]

It was now the 11 [illegible] according to my diary [illegible] On the 11th I again [illegible] without accident and again [illegible]

On the 19th I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] master's [illegible]
While I was trying to [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Hundred [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]
ness and found my home, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a young negro [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] me a cup of milk [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
you may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] I again resumed my voyage
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the river, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] gentleman [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] information concerning the ~~country~~ river [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] black [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] during the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] and
[illegible] by negroes and [illegible] [illegible] was
the [illegible] [illegible] around for a while without

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] it
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] made up
to [illegible]
[illegible]
"[illegible] do you want to go?" "I how far is it
to [illegible]?" "[illegible] do you
want to go there," "[illegible]?" "[illegible] know
the road?" [illegible] him
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this
[illegible] [illegible] the way?"
"[illegible] you [illegible], good night." [illegible]
[illegible] to
[illegible]
[illegible] distance [illegible] the direction. [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] to
[illegible]
the [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] this day I slipped [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] day. [illegible] [illegible] but I did not make [illegible] [illegible] after dark. I then returned to my [illegible] and [illegible] down the river [illegible] [illegible] near a [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] plantation, [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] recover after [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nothing [illegible] human [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] some thing [illegible] at my feet and looking down there was a rattlesnake, [illegible] not more than a foot and a half from me, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] back, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] proceeded to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of provisions and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] worked at a desk [illegible] one of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] and then having regained my [illegible] I continued my journey.

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] morning [illegible]
I again [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] I found that
I was [illegible] in a wild region with [illegible] [illegible]
and that the [illegible] [illegible] bounded [illegible] [illegible] with
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] times I [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] land [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] was a [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] again [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] I [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] was it
was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] I was [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible]. I came in [illegible] [illegible] of
a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] [illegible] without
[illegible] down the river [illegible] [illegible] point [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as I
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I saw a
white man [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the
river and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and not more than 10 yards of the [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] found it so, [illegible] working [illegible]
[illegible] disguised my [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] regained my [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] perhaps. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] afterwards [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] came [illegible]
[illegible] and with
[illegible] breathing [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] hope [illegible]
[illegible] morning came again

[illegible]

I knew not to which side to turn [illegible] in fact
had I long to decide the current carried [illegible]
the right of the [illegible] a narrow channel. I had
not more than had time to [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] channel [illegible]
[illegible] again. [illegible] that [illegible]
could not [illegible] against the current
[illegible] and [illegible] from
the [illegible] down.
[illegible] little channel [illegible]
[illegible] through the [illegible] and [illegible] little
channel [illegible]
increased [illegible] channel
[illegible] found that the
channel would [illegible] into the main
[illegible] channel and [illegible] with
[illegible] in the midst of a
rapid stream, [illegible] not a
[illegible] "Rabbit"
and [illegible] and my [illegible]
[illegible] in a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the channel [illegible]

[illegible] was also infested with [illegible] different [illegible]

[illegible]

(i.e. the right wing of the [illegible]) [illegible]

after [illegible]

must [illegible] that [illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] and a gentleman [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the orange, [illegible]
[illegible] plucked [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

"[illegible]"

"[illegible]"

"[illegible]"

"[illegible]"

[illegible] that [illegible] gentleman

[illegible].

"[illegible] in the [illegible]."

"[illegible], I didn't know that you was a [illegible]."

"[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible]."

"[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of time."

"[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]"

"[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]."

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I found that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] invited me to come up and [illegible] [illegible] this invitation I gladly [illegible] talked about the hardsh[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] asked how [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]."

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible], "[illegible] must be [illegible]. The [illegible]
[illegible]," [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] called [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with pretended to be [illegible] a [illegible],
[illegible], I found that [illegible] the [illegible] was a
channel [illegible]
lodged [illegible]
be [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Germany
in which a stranger was [illegible]
I had told a great fish story about my
regiment [illegible] down to these
parts, but I had [illegible] through the
[illegible] that the
regiment [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] it would be necessary for me to go
back to the main [illegible] a distance of [illegible]
miles. [illegible] I got dinner and a [illegible]
ration [illegible], [illegible] then [illegible] the
[illegible] took all the rest of that day and until
[illegible] the next. [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] the main
[illegible] [illegible]

many [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] marked
[illegible] [illegible] water [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] fragmentation [illegible] [illegible]
and found the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of a small [illegible] [illegible] the creek
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] saddle
[illegible] more [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] need
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] different
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
my [illegible] and ascended the [illegible], On [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] having
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to search for other plants [illegible] found an
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] needed
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] made [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] finding

[illegible] to my [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] to [illegible]
purpose to push [illegible]
[illegible] with the [illegible] of the [illegible]
which I was [illegible]
[illegible]
more than a mile in the [illegible]
[illegible]
across the river again [illegible] to
lay down and sleep. [illegible] morning
Mounted I again [illegible]
[illegible] to the middle and take the
sand [illegible] upper part of the [illegible]
[illegible] compelled to [illegible] the
[illegible] of the river and taking [illegible] the
valley [illegible]
the [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]
against the current with a paddle, I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] pleading day [illegible]
[illegible]

in abundance [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in which to happen [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] raised and [illegible] in the
[illegible] [illegible] I now [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would
not have been [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] must have perished [illegible] God
[illegible] that I [illegible] escape [illegible] [illegible]
again had I not [illegible] [illegible]
as I had perhaps I would have
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] miserable
[illegible] [illegible] and then I must have
perished. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible].

[illegible] and a [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] left [illegible]
[illegible] but not [illegible]
[illegible] at the [illegible], and that [illegible]
[illegible] was [illegible] I [illegible]
would take the land, and [illegible] to the
[illegible]. To render this [illegible]
I gave [illegible] my [illegible] and a few [illegible] of
[illegible], I [illegible] talking [illegible]
[illegible] time [illegible] said one [illegible]
[illegible] many [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible] and that
[illegible]
[illegible] The [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
and [illegible] designing [illegible]
years. [illegible] taken, the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]." [illegible]
[illegible] did you?" "No Sir, [illegible]
of [illegible]." "[illegible]," said he, [illegible]

[illegible] right"
[illegible] you
[illegible]
[illegible] eat [illegible]
[illegible] should find [illegible]
[illegible] into the ground [illegible]
[illegible] get to the [illegible] can
[illegible] a [illegible] get the [illegible]."
[illegible] "You're the man [illegible]"
[illegible]ed; And taking the [illegible] meat
[illegible] proceeded [illegible]
[illegible] into his canoe. After [illegible]
a [illegible] channel [illegible]
[illegible] mile [illegible]
[illegible] a dense forest of trees [illegible]
[illegible] the deserter [illegible]
[illegible] looking [illegible]
[illegible] me [illegible]
[illegible] his bow and left [illegible]
[illegible] him.
[illegible] that night sitting [illegible] a
[illegible] fire, for it was raining [illegible] we were talking,
[illegible] the deserter [illegible]
[illegible] time [illegible]
[illegible] many [illegible]"

"Certainly [illegible] right [illegible] the
yankees" [illegible]
[illegible]."

[illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible]
during the night [illegible]
was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
man who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Ted. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Williams
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
with the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
named a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. He was a [illegible]
good natured man and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the 25th of April. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Foster [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
I [illegible] in Mr. [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] Chaplain [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and Foster were going [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Mr. McClellan, had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a place on the left [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
called Black Bluff. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cutting
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]) [illegible] [illegible] had
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] which was called [illegible] [illegible] name
"[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] Channel"
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] out
[illegible] entrance and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] State can
[illegible] no benefit [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to take [illegible] of

the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] can
[illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there
are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] channels [illegible] these
swamps which have never [illegible] discovered,
this channel [illegible] to what [illegible] call
the "Brothers," [illegible] [illegible] channels [illegible]
resembling each other as [illegible] [illegible] required
that name. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
of the Brothers [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
nesting place [illegible] [illegible] passed [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] pigeons. I estimated that there
was a [illegible] to every ~~square~~ [illegible] feet square
And [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
told [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
200 yards and that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] think that
[illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] along the [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] whether they extended [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and on the other bank. It was [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] extended along the [illegible],
for about two miles. Now [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a quarter of a mile [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at this rate there would
be 864,450 nests [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] birds
[illegible]
[illegible] The curlew
[illegible]
[illegible] which
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Dupont [illegible]
[illegible] found
[illegible] remained
[illegible]
[illegible] and
[illegible] I had [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I had
[illegible]
[illegible] kindness which [illegible]
[illegible] Sumner
[illegible] accordingly [illegible] make
[illegible]
[illegible] escaped [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] me.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible]"
[illegible] and
[illegible]
[illegible] wait [illegible]
[illegible] Gen. [illegible]
[illegible] the Flag Ship "[illegible]"
[illegible] on the [illegible]
[illegible] April at [illegible]
[illegible] came [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
President. [illegible]
[illegible] transferred to
her. [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and
[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] please [illegible], [illegible] what
the [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], if [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
and if [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] paper [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible] [illegible],
Your humble servant,
O. [illegible]"

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